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OR, A

Succinct and Lucid
DISCOURSE,

OF THE

Origine, Essence, Scitnation Symp-
toms, Causes and Cure

OF THE

CHOLICK,

In all its various Denominations,
different Kinds, Degrees, and
Complications. *R. a 1708.*

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*Natura legibus esse Medicina Leges consentaneas,
Medicus Remedia confert, non solum natura Minister,
Sed interdum ut Opifex primarius.*

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THE
Epistle Dedicatory.

TO THE
Right Reverend Father in GOD,

Dr. John Moore,

Lord Bishop of ELY.

May it please your Lordship,

AN indispenfible Necessity,
obliging me to vindicate
my Reputation in the Knowledge
and Practice of Phyfick, against
the Malicious Calumnies and De-
tractions of my Enemies; who

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are only those of my own *Pro-
fession*, and such as are *unwarily*
prejudic'd by their False and
Scandalous *Insinuations*; I hope
I shall not be charg'd either with
Vanity or *Rashness* in Publishing
these brief *Essays*; which are de-
sign'd for no other end, but that
by reading this little *Manual*,
those that are Strangers to my
Person, may be convinc'd, that
in Studying *Physick*, I have fol-
lowed such Learned Guides and
Patterns, by whose Directions and
Examples, and my own *Expe-
rience*, joined with a tolerable
Capacity, and an indefatigable *In-
dustry* and Diligence, that I am
legally qualified for the Exercise
of the *Art* I profess, maugre
the inveterate *Malice* of all Op-
posers.

My Lord, My Life and Con-
versation, I bless God, being
unattackable, even by Envy it
self,

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self, and so being no Reproach to the Name I have the Honour to bear: And your Lordship being Celebrated for your *Exemplary* Piety, *Charity*, and *profound* Knowledge in *Physick*, as well as in all other Learned and useful *Arts* and *Sciences*, and consequently a *Proper* and *Sufficient* Judge, of the Contents of the following *Treatise*.

I have humbly presum'd to *Dedicate* it to your good Lordship, in great *Sincerity*, but in very plain *Language*; for if *Nature* had been more kind and liberal to me in *Eloquent* and *Rhetorical* Expressions, I durst not have used them to your Lordship, who takes more *Delight* in *doing good* to others, than in *reading deserved Panegyricks* on your self.

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And therefore if your Lordship is pleas'd to *Pardon* or *Excuse* my Confidence in this Address, and favourably accept the tender of this diminutive *Tract*, I shall esteem that great Condescension, as an Eternal Obligation and Honour, conferr'd upon,

My good Lord,

Your Lordships

Most Devoted

Humble Servant

John Moore.

A
PRACTICAL
DISCOURSE,

Shewing the *Origine, Seat,
Symptoms, Cause, &c.*

IF ever any Person upon the Face of the *The Intro-*
Universe, that Dedicated his whole Life *duction in*
to the *doing good*, and rendring himself Bene- *defence of*
ficial to Mankind, has reason to complain *the Au-*
of the Ill and Barbarous usage he has en- *thor.*
countred, from Men of his own *Profession*,
and others of a *Superior Station*, that pre-
tend Authority to *License* or *Suppress*, all
Practitioners in the Noble and Useful Arts
of *Pharmacy*, and *Administring Phyfick*, *I am*
the Man; for ever since I took my leave
of the Old and Useless way of giving Phy-
fick, as too many others do, *Blindsfold*, by
Traditioal Prescriptions, and made it my whole
Study

Study and Business to keep up an entire Correspondence and Agreement between *Art* and *Nature*, *Theory* and *Practice*; and made exact and particular Observations in the difference of Diseases, the variety of *Symptoms*, casual *Accidents*, and the diversity of *Constitutions* in Humane Bodies; and have followed the dictates of a *well-grounded Experience*, in finding out the *Essence* of Diseases, and the *Efficacy* of Proper Medicines to Cure them. The whole Tribe of common Practitioners, and some graduated Professors of Physick, that live lazing upon the little Knowledge that comes by *Tradition*, and by stuffing their *Bills*, and *Patients* with Nauseous Repetitions, of unexperienc'd and consequently *ineffectual* Medicines; have both unsufferably calumniated, traduced and slander'd me, with many ridiculous Stories and unjust *Censures*, as well as loaded me with such hard and *reproachful* Names, as none but the *bountiful* bestowers of them can deserve; so that I am forc'd, to prevent others from being prejudiced by false Reports and malicious Insinuations, to take this way of vindicating my Reputation, against the *Insults* of Envious Men, who are as utter Strangers to my Person and Abilities, as themselves are from the common Principles of *Modesty*, *Civility* and good *Manners*.

I could with great facility recriminate upon my Enemies, but I never thought a *Billings-Gate Dialect* any Ornament, or an advantageous Character to a Sober Christian, which is seldom used, but by a buisfy sort of *Tatling* Animals, who are out of Humour with every Body, because their own ill nature will not suffer 'em to be pleas'd

pleas'd with themselves. Let *Mevius* and *Bavius* then admire one another, and rail at all the World besides; I shall for the future be unconcern'd at those who are as full of unjust Reproaches, as they are void of good Breeding. I wish to be hated by self-interested *Slanderers* and their Abettors; for the same reason for which I desire to be belov'd by all Ingenious, well meaning honest Men, under all Denominations; as for the rest, I shall say with the Poet

*Urg'd by the Base, I'm unconcern'd the while,
At least regard it with a scornful Smile;
'Twere mean to think of Vengeance on the Vile.*

However, since I know not how far their Hatred, inveterate and implacable *Malice* may extend to my prejudice, among those that know not my veritable Character, I shall here employ a few Lines to answer all the Objections they have raised, and industriously scatter'd to blast my Reputation in the Practice of Physick, which I have followed with great Success for many Years, and which the worst of my Enemies cannot deny, without assurance enough to affirm, that the Sun is not risen, when to their shame, it shines in their Faces from its illustrious Meridian.

The first Quarter in which my professed *Objections* Enemies attack me, is, *That I am but an* ^{against the} *Apothecary*: 'Tis true, I lay claim to no ^{Author.} greater Title, and yet cannot forbear saying, That that Objection is *Ridiculous*; since being an *Apothecary*, well vers'd in *Pharmacy*, in the Knowledge of *Drugs*, and the *Composition* of Medicines, is, the most certain

thin and regular step towards the making
 of a good Physician: As has been proved
 by many Examples in *London* and other
 Places, where Men that serv'd their Times
 to Apothecaries, and kept Shop many Years,
 have afterwards took their Degree of *Doctor*
 in one of our own Universities, and pra-
 ised with as great Applause, and it may
 be with more Success, than the rest of
 their only Graduated Brethren. Nor is
 this method unobserved in other Learned
 Employments; for many Wise Men say,
 That the way to make an able Counsellor,
 is, First to educate him as a Clerk to an At-
 torney. Having thus blown off this igno-
 rant and contemptible Objection, I proceed
 to the Second; which is, *That I never had an*
University Education, but am a mere Ignoramus,
 as they are pleas'd to Phrase it; But how
 will they prove their latter Allegation?
 Did they ever Examine into my Learning
 and Ability? Do they know my Incapa-
 city to perform what I undertake? If they
 did, without doubt I should long since
 have heard of it in louder Terms, than by
 Private Whispers, Malicious Insinuations
 and Secret Calumnies and Aspersions; but
 such is their Hatred, that what they dare
 not aver to my Face, or attempt to prove
 by Argument, they liberally supply by false
 Reports, and forged Clandestine Stories of
 my Insufficiency; against a Thousand credible
 Certificates and Reputable Testimonies to
 the contrary; and these I think sufficient to
 stop the Mouths of Detraction and Envy, in
 the Opinion of all good People; and for o-
 thers, that are misled by my Numerous Ad-
 versaries into uncharitable Censures of me;

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let them but consider, that my Enemies treat me on the score of *Hemettius*, for my safe and short way of *Practice*, and a great number of Patients diminishing their *Profit*, they will not wonder that I am condemn'd in an *Arbitrary Court*, where *Alice* is the *Prosecuter*, *Interest* sits as *Judge*, and sordid *Ignorance* is *Fore-Man* of the *Jury*. I confess, I have not had the Advantage of an *Academick Education*, but am a sincere lover of *Learning*, and desirous of *Knowledge*, and tho' I cannot boast of possessing much, yet I can assure all *Censorious Pedants*, that by conversing with *Learned Men*, and a well chosen *Library*, I take as much pains to increase my *Knowledge*, as some of them do by insignificant *Diversions*, and notorious *Debaucheries*, to lose what they gain'd, if ever they gain'd any thing but *Words* at the *University*. Besides, this cavil is wholly *Impertinent*, since its well known, beyond a possibility of *Contradiction*, that I am *Master* of good *Specificks*, and establish'd experimented *Medicines*, of my own *Preparing*, which *Prescribing Physicians* cannot pretend to, tho' of the greatest *Consequence* to *Mankind*, and whose efficacious *Vertues* I am sure of, and can rely upon, in the most difficult plunging *Cases* in respect of *Safety*, and generally with *Success*; and all this confirmed by numerous *Testimonies* of *Cured Patients*, which I am of *Opinion*, is all that ought to be required of a good *Physician*; and yet for want of the empty *Title* of *Doctor*, and a *Coach* and *Equipage*, I must, it seems, be called *Quack* and *Empirick*, by whole *Dons* of the *Profession*, who have not much more Skill in

the true Practice of Physick, which I take to be the Cure of Diseases, than what they collect from the old exploded *Methodus Medendi*, which when the World grows Wiser, will vanish into its original nothing, and give place to solid, certain and veritable Experience in the Cure of Diseases.

And that I may contribute to this great End, of advancing useful Knowledge in Physick, and that my Enemies may not think I am reduced to a perpetual silence in my own just Defence, by their vain Threatnings and injurious Misrepresentations of my Person and Capacity for the Practice of Physick, I have taken up a resolution to Print several Discourses upon those Diseases, that God has blest'd me with the Knowledge of, and given me wonderful success in their Cures, that have frequently baffled the Endeavours of many Eminent Professors: And shall begin with a Treatise upon the CHOLICK.

Now in discoursing this Subject, to avoid all unnecessary and over Nice and Curious Distinction, and Definitions, that rather puzzle Men's Intellects, than benefit their Understandings, I shall under the general Name, vulgarly called Cholick, treat of it as an Accidental and Particular Distemper, arising from an evident Cause alone, and without a previous disposition in any Person indifferently; for so, alterations in the *Sex Naturalia* often raise great commotions in the Viscera of the Belly with extremity of Pain: After that, I shall consider this Disease in its Proximate or pre-existent Cause, as co-operating with others that are subsequent, which will necessarily lead me to

particular

particular Discourses upon the various kinds, and the several Species of this Distemper under the denominations of the Cholick in the *Stomach*; the *Hysterick Cholick*, the *Scorbutick Cholick*; the *Iliack Passion*, the *Caliack Cholick*, a *Diarrhea*, a *Lientary*, a *Dysentery*, &c. All which Distempers I shall treat particularly, and to avoid Confusion and over burthening the Memory, under every Head I shall shew the *Origine* *Seminium* or *Minera* of each Disease; what part of the Body is *primarily* affected; then proceed to the *Symptoms* and Method of *Cure*, and conclude with some Observations and Examples, wherein my own Medicines have been wonderfully successful; which I always keep ready prepared by me, to dispose of, to all that think fit to come or send for them.

The Cholick called in *Greek* *κωλική*, in *Latin* *Collica Passio*, because by some Physicians, ^{The Essence} 'tis supposed, tho' falsely, to have its seat ^{or Nature} wholly in some part or other of the *Se-* ^{of the Cho-} *lick*. ^{lick.} cond of the great Guts, called *Colon*; is a Vellication or severe Gripping, Twitching, Gnawing Pain in certain Parts of the *Abdomen*, which commonly produce Vomiting, Cramps and Contractions, almost of all the *Viscera* of the Belly: Sometimes the Navel and its Neighbouring Parts are drawn inward, accompanied with Pains as if they were boared with a Gimlet: Sometimes they swell, being blown up with the excess of Wind: The *Intestines* by an inverted Motion of the *Fibras* are often drawn upwards, insomuch that the Belly being extremely bound, discharges little or nothing at all; nay, tho' it be frequently provoked to do it by Glysters and Suppositories, yet

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it does not easily throw out its Contents.

That the Stomach is likewise convulsed with the *Duodenum* and Gall Bladder, manifestly appears from the plentiful vomiting of Yellow or Green Choler. Sometimes the *Ureters* and the Bladder which contains the Urine, are so contracted, that during the whole Fit, the Urine is either stop'd, or voided more sparingly: Besides, the Head is grieved with *Verriginous* effects, either preceding or following the invasion of this Disease, and if the Cholick encreases and becomes *Inveterate*, it often causes Pain in the outward Members and terminates in a *Palsy*.

Its direful Effects.

Nay, the Sick commonly endures all kinds of Pains; one while *burning* with intolerable Heat, another time *chill'd* with extream Cold; sometimes it seems to be fix'd and as it were piercing the *Loins*, or other whiles pricking with *wandring* repeated Thrusts; anon *distending* or *beating* the Loins, or only pressing them with the sense of weight, or burning, corroding, rending Pain; or is troubled either with a *continual* or *interrupted Pulsation*, and afterward returning again, or wonderfully *writhing* and *contorting* any other way, scarce to be express'd by the Patient, or explain'd by the Physician.

Now tho' all the differences occurring in this Distemper with its *Original* are very difficult to be assign'd, numbred, or reduced into a certain Order, and much more to make an exact Examination of all the *Symptoms* and *Causes*, and thence to give a solid judgment of every one; yet I shall attempt it, by exhibiting them from the

best

best Authorities, and leave the choice to your own Election, as they are most agreeable to your Reason and Experience, which is the Mistress both of the Learned and Unskilful.

Some are of Opinion that the *Origine* of this Disease, proceeds from the effervescency of vicious Blood; others from an Obstruction of the *Capillary Veins* of the Stomach and Guts, by which the *Blood* is forced to stand still in the *Vessels*, till at length after a great *Distention* the *Vessels* burst and the *Blood* is effused, which breeds a sensible Inflammation and violent Pulsation about the Part affected. Others say it arises from an over *viscous Phlegm* mix'd with *Choler*, offensive both in its Saltish *Acrimony* and Volatile *Oiliness*, by which the *Viscous Phlegm* is rarified into *Wind*, and if the Excrements are contain'd beyond their due time, they harden and stick to the Gut, by which the natural *Ferment* is viciated, and the Windy Gists are more rarified, and being shut up in the *Cavity* of the Gut *Colon* it causes a violent distension and contraction of it.

Some again impute it the disorders and Convulsions of the *Nerves* running from the *Mesenterick Plexus*, which vicious humours as aforesaid, lodg'd in the *Intestines*, and those by a Foreign irritation of their *Nerves*, equally attended by the successive returns of *Cold* and *Heat*, cause tearing, wringing and stitching Pains.

Others ascribe its Original to the a-bounding Acidity and Acrimony of the *Pancreatick juice*, occasion'd by over sharp Food; eating raw Fruits, by Summer Air too Hot, by Winter Air too Cold, or at least too

too Sharp; by Fear, Sorrow, extream Grief or Solicitude of Mind; by continued Watchings which consume the *Animal Spirits*, and by consequence encreasing the Acrimony of any Humours, produce *Hypocondriack suffocations*, and also Pains, severely racking and contorting the *Guts*. Now the Reasons why I cannot agree with many Physicians, that Cholick Pains proceed from the sharp and irritative contents of the *Colon*, is, because those Medicines which loosen the Belly, and copiously expel *Featus's* and the *Feces*, would undoubtedly give most certain Relief, the contrary of which too often happens, viz. That after frequent or violent Purging, that Disease becomes worse. Nor can I agree with the Notion, that Cholick Pains proceed only from the *Pancreatick* juice mix'd with *Choler*, because it's impossible, according to *Sylvius de la Boe*, that the Juice of the *Pancreas* in any manner or degree sower, should mix with *Choler*, abounding with a bitter and volatile Salt. Therefore,

I firmly adhere to the Opinion of the Learned Dr. *Willis*, who with great reason, places the Origine of this Disease among the effects of the *Brain* and the *Genus Nervosum*, alledging, that certain *Recrements* of the *Nervous* Humour, falling from the *Brain* by the *Nerves*, and passing thence into the *Mesentery* and other *Foldings* of the *Abdomen*, are there amass'd and heaped together, which if they are so gross, thick and viscous, that they cannot be received and sent away by the *Lymphaducts*, or distill'd out into the Cavities of the *Intestines*, by the small Branches of the Vessels, then *Stagnating* and being heaped together by degrees into those

Parts,

Parts, they arise at length to an *irritative* plenitude: And afterward that Matter becoming more degenerate, and more offensive by *Stagnation*, and growing turgid on some occasion; or of its own accord or else fermenting with the *Salino-fix'd Humour*, sent thither from the *Blood*, will torture the Patient with very troublesome and painful *Corrugations* in the Branches of the *Nerves* and *Nervous Fibres*, with which the *Mesentery* is innumeraibly furnish'd: Which effects of them, do seldom or never cease till the *fermenting Matter* is either discuss'd, or *express'd* into the Cavities of the Intestines, or at length by Care and the Application of proper Medicines, they are utterly subdued.

Having thus briefly shew'd you the *Nature* of the *Cholick* in the direful effects it produces, together with its Origination, I shall, according to promise, proceed to the *Place* that is primarily affected in Human Bodies.

Senertus and *Riverius*, place it in the upper Orifice of the *Stomach*, which is of exquisite Sense, by reason of the intermixture of *Nerves*, with which it is stored from the *vaga sexta*, from whence Branches being communicated to the *Heart* that noble Part is also affected by Consent, and disperses the Pain into almost every part Internal and external.

Dr. Blankard, Professor of Physick, at *Middleburgh*, in *Zealand*, says, The *Cholick* is a vehement Pain, proceeding from an ill disposition of the *Animal Spirits*, seated in the *Abdomen*, but begins in the *Nervous Plexus's*, or *Foldings* of the *Mesentery*, and is

by some Men falſly imputed to have its reſidence in the Gut Colon.

Michael Etmuller, late Profeſſor of Phyſick in the Univerſity of *Leipſick*, ſays, Cholick Pains and Gripings in the great Guts, are chiefly felt in the Colon, eſpecially in that part of it towards the circumference of the Belly, upon the Left-ſide, where 'tis ſtraitned and incurvated, and conſequently more liable to the blaſt and ſhocks of Wind, and more apt to ſtop the Circulation of the Excrements, and cauſe their Swelling up into a hard or ſoft Tumor. This Pain and Tumor is frequently imputed to the *Spleen*, but erroneouſly; for the Colon, ſays he, is its uſual and proper Seat; and ſometimes it veers about to the Right-ſide of the Belly, upon the outermoſt Circumference, where the ſame Colon purſues its Courſe.

Sometimes theſe Pains reach only the Small Guts, and then their Station is about the Navel and Centre of the Belly, and are much more violent than thoſe in the Great Guts; if they range not beyond the *Duodenum*, or the beginning of the *Jejunum*, they are felt in the *Loint*, and are often miſtaken for *Nephritick* Pains, or thoſe cauſed by the Convulſion of the *Meſenterick* Nerves, or Tumors, or Ulcers in the *Pancreas*. I dare not ſay any of theſe Opinions are Heterodox, becauſe ſometime or other Pains do poſſeſs all the Parts above mention'd.

However, for very good Reaſons grounded upon many Experiments in Anatomy, I adhere chiefly to Doctor *Willis*, who ſays, The Part in Human Bodies primarily affected in the Cholick, is the *Meſentery*, and its Nervous Foldings under the Navel, which cauſes
cruel

cruel Pain, as if a Stake was stuck there, or a Piercer were making a Hole: Besides, round about, almost in the whole *Abdomen*, by reason of the *Intestines* being variously drawn forward and backward, at the same time in different Places, wandering Pains shoot this way and that way; and the motion of the *Fibres* being discomposed or inverted, as well in those Parts as in the *primary Vessels*, the Belly is in a manner always bound, and there follows sometimes a suppression of Urine, or very little is made. Besides, the *Duodenum* the Gall Bladder with its Channels and the bottom of the Stomach being affected with a *Cramp*, and their *Fibres* being drawn upward, a frequent Vomiting with a copious casting up Matter of Yellow or Greenish colour often happens during the Fit.

In a Fit of the Cholick, also besides Pains of the Belly, there are likewise violent Pains of the *Loins*, raging in the lower parts of the *Back*, which certainly cannot proceed from the irritation of any *Intestine*; but its easy to conceive they may arise from a *Morbific Cause* lodg'd in the *Mesentery*: For inasmuch as several considerable *Nerves* of the *Loins* enter into the great *Nervous folding* of the *Mesentery*; so from hence, not only painful Convulsions are conveyed by consent from one Part to another; but its also probable, that certain *Recrements* of the *Back* likewise, and of the *Loins*, are derived into the *Mesentery* by this Passage, and that in some sort, for this reason, *Scorbutical Persons* are so very obnoxious to Gripes of the Belly, and Looseness that attends it, which confirms me in the Opinion that the *Nervous Flexus*

of the *Mesentery*, is the first Part affected with the *Cholick*, and that its seat is not in the *Cavities* or *Tunics* of the Intestines, nor the Morbifick Matter conveyed by the *Arteries*, but by *Nerves*.

Diagno-
stic Sym-
ptoms.

Diagnostick Signs of the *Cholick*, are, very sharp Pains, sometimes moveable and other whiles fix'd to a certain place; sometimes the Pain is in the region of the *Stomach* or in the *Reins*, sometimes *above* and sometimes *below* the Navel, so that by the comparison of other Signs, you must distinguish between the *Cholick* and Pains of the *Stone* or *Spleen*, which are frequently mistaken one for the other, even by Physicians themselves.

Prognos-
tick Sym-
ptoms of
the *Cholick*.

Prognosticks of the *Cholick*, are vulgarly enough known, that is to say, an *Accidental* *Cholick* rising from an *evident* cause alone, is commonly safe, and admits of an easy Cure; but an *habitual* one, is not eradicated but with great Difficulty, as to its disposition, so that the Fits may return no more; for sometimes the *Fits* themselves, notwithstanding the Application of Medicines, are very *obstinate* and continue many Days, nay, Weeks and Months, and sometimes are never cured but by Death. Thus much for signs; But since I have branch'd out this Disease into several Parts, I shall take leave, once for all, to shew, how you may distinguish one Disease from another by the *Urine*.

Signs by
the *Urine*.

If the *Urine* is *Watery*, 'tis a *Nephritick* *Cholick*, if highly tinctur'd towards the middle, and colour'd on the Surface, and the *Anus* is obstinately bound; 'tis a *Scorbutick* *Cholick*; if *Respiration* is difficult and the

the *Breast* afflicted, 'tis a *Hysterick Cholick*; if the *Convulsion* of the *Intestines* is accompanied with Pain extending to the *Pubes* and *Haunch-Bone*, the *Womb* is disorder'd; if the *Urine* is clear and of a reddish *Yellow*, 'tis a *Choleric* Cholick, if the Pain is tearing and the *Urine* *Milky* and *Pale*, impregnated with a large *Sediment*, the *Mesenterick Nerves* are affected.

The *Antecedent Causes* of the *Common Cholick*, which I only treat of under this Head, are, the Disorder and *Convulsions* of the *Nerves* running from the great *Mesenterick Plexus*, which cause tearing, wringing and contracting Pains: Sometimes occasion'd by *Nephritic* Pains and *Child-Birth*, when the *Mesenterick* folding, being irritated, by its concurrence with the *Nerves* of the *Kidneys* and the *Womb*, pulls and contracts both the *Stomach* and *Guts* which it supplies with *Nerves*. At other times they are retainers to some fix'd, permanent, *habitual Cause*, which tho' it lye hid for some time, has always an *Ascendant* in the Body. There are either *Hypochondriack*, *Hysterick* or *Scorbutick*, as I shall further shew, when I treat particularly of those Diseases a part, and are owing to the *Convulsion* of the *Mesenterick Plexus*, to which the *Intestines* are annex'd, being gall'd with a peccant Acid.

The *Procatartick*, or Pre-existent Cause of this Disease which co-operates with others that are subsequent, are two fold; First, That many *Recrements* or superfluous things are heaped together in the *Nervous Liquor*; and Secondly, That they being admitted chiefly into the *Nerves* of the *Viscera* of the *Belly*, and so conveyed into the *Mesenterick*,

Causes of the common Cholick.

Antecedent Causes.

Procatartick Causes.

mentary, there create the Morbid Minera's of this Distemper; for the former of these generally happening by the Distemper of the Brain, by admitting *Heterogeneous Particles* with the Nervous Juice into its custody, the whole *Animal Oeconomy* is so disturb'd, that it cannot evacuate the common superfluities by its ordinary Conveyance; and this causes the incongruous Matter that cannot be sent from the Brain, to force its passage into the Nerves of the *Par vagum*, which are open and ready to receive it. Secondly, That this superfluous Matter running in this manner into the *Par vagum* of the Nerves, is deposed in the *Mesentery*, or other foldings within the Abdomen, and necessarily makes the Morbid seat in the *Mesentery*.

Evident Causes.

The *evident* Causes of the Cholick are also of two sorts; First, Such as being injurious to the Brain and *Genus Nervosum*, cause the Morbifick Matter to superabound: Or, Secondly by agitating the Blood and Humors, stir up the conglobated Mass to Pain, causing more fervent and sudden effervescencies. And here some will imagine I should proceed to discourse the many and diversified occasions, by which the Pains of the Cholick are caus'd in Persons pre-disposed to them; but that would be nauseating the Reader with *Cramben biscoctum*, having sufficiently done it already, in the Paragraph entituled the direful effects of the Cholick, Page the 14th.

Cure of the Cholick.

And now according to the Method I have prescribed to my self, I am brought to treat of what ought to be the Main and Principal design of every *Practitioner* in Physick in all

all Diseases, viz. *The Cure of the Disease.* To compass which great end, Three primary Indications are suggested. First, To appease the Pains in the Fit. Secondly, To take away the Cause of the Disease that the Fits may no more, or not so frequently return. Thirdly, To re-invigorate the Patient's Strength, and fortify his Constitution, in order to the Comfortable enjoyment of Life.

To appease the torturing Pains in the Paroxysm, Lenifying and Emollient Glysters only, ought to be frequently injected into the Body, that the Corrugations of the Fibres may be mitigated, and the raging of the Spirits appeased. To this end, Warm Milk with Sugar, or rather Molossus, or Syrup of Violets: Also Emollient Decoctions of March-Mallows, Herb Mercury, and the Flowers of Melilot with Oil of Almonds; also a strong Decoction of a Sheep's-Head with the Wool on it, or Calves-Fet, are proper to be used: Sometimes a Glyster of mear Oil of Olives or of Linseeds, have given Ease, when others have failed. But if this sort of Glysters are ineffectual and do not come away, or answer their end stronger must be used, to force the Humours from the little Mouths of the Arteries. For this purpose let Carminative or bitter Decoctions be prepared, in which dissolve Electuary Diaphœnicon, Diacatholicon, or e. Baccis Lauri, or Species Hiera, to which Liquors its customary to add, Two or Three Ounces of the infusion of Crocus Metallorum: Or to a Pound of an Emollient Decoction, add of Venice Turpentine dissolv'd with the Yolk of an Egg, one Ounce; or take the Urine of a Healthy Man, Venice Turpentine dissolv'd, one Ounce and half, and
with

with one Ounce of *Molossus* mix'd with the rest, make a *Glyster*. The *Balsamick* Particles of the *Turpentine* diffused every where, are design'd to remove the *Morbifick* or *Stagnating* Matter, or encline that which is *Acetous*, or otherwise degenerate, to a better Temperament.

If the *Intestines* are much contracted by *vicious* Matter lodg'd within them, *Purgations* ought to be prohibited, for fear they promote the *Contraction*. and lock up the *Excrements* closer. If this Case happens in your Practice, *Whey*, or an Ounce of the *Oil of Almonds*, with *Canary Wind* and *Sperma Ceti*, are more effectual than the strongest *Catharticks*. If the *Cholick* is attended with a *Tenacious viscid Humour*, and a heavy boring Pain, *Purgatives* mix'd with *attenuating* Specificks are allowable; tho' I have observ'd, 'tis better to do so after the *Fit* has made some progress, and the *Symptoms* are a little mitigated, than just in the beginning, especially if the Pain is violent; but take notice, that if the *Guts* are inflamed, all *Laxatives* of whatsoever kind are extremely pernicious; for a fierce and very violent *Cholick*, if it proceed from an *Inflammation* or *Abscess* of some of the *Intestines*, generally ushers in a *Mortal Iliack Passion*.

External
Applica-
tions.

As for *External Applications* against *Cholicks*, let the *Belly* and *Navel* be well fomented with *Liniments*, of express'd *Oils*, mix'd with those that are *Distill'd*. *Galbanum* melted and mix'd with the *Distill'd Oils* of *Spike* and *Amber*. *Plaisters* made of *Tachamahac*, *Balsam of Peru*, or that of *Bay-Berries*, with that of *Tobacco*; *Cataplasms* of *Horse-Dung*, with *Oil of Rue*; and quilted *Bags* of *Millet seeds*,

let-seeds; or of *Anodyn* and *Aromatic* Ingredients; are likewise apply'd to the Belly with good success. But if the Gripes of the Belly do not remit by the use of these things, you must have recourse to *Hypnoticks*, which being given in a fitting Dose, often gives Relief. And in continued Cholicks notwithstanding some Men, whose Ignorance, is as considerable as their Insolence, loudly clamour against the use of *Mercurial* Medicines, yet the raising a gentle *Salivation* when the Morbifick Matter is plentifully gather'd together in the *Nervous Plexus's*, and other places about the *Abdomen*, and there sticking fast, so as not to be moved by other Medicines, *Calomel* may be given to the Relief of the Patient, and without Reproach to the Physician.

To refresh the Strength and falling Spirits of the Sick, and to order yet a greater Apparatus against the Disease, give *Liquid* ^{The Preservative Indication.} *Laudanum tartariz'd*, at Bed-time, in a Spoonful of the Water of Camomil Flowers, drinking after it, of the same, six Spoonfuls, and let it be repeated every other, or every third Night. And whilst you are using these Medicines for appeasing Pains, let Purging Remedies have their due Turns, to destroy the *Seminarium* of the Disease, and to prevent its return, *Vomiting* and *Purging*, and in a Hot Temperament *Phlebotomy* ought to be used: And instead of Baths and *Sudorificks*, *Diureticks* may be more advantageously given.

And where the Cholick is of long continuance and obstinate, *Spaw-Water* coming from *Iron-Mines*, are often used with good Success:

*The Vital
Indication*

Next, *The Vital Indication* ought to be join'd with the *Curatory*, and to be now and then *interchangeably* used with it: To that end, let Remedies be used which support the Patient's *Strength*, refresh his *Spirits* and procure certain times of *Truce* against the Fits of the Disease. Let the Diseased be duly supplied with *Cordials*, *Paregoricks* and *Hypnoticks*, which in the *Cholick* are so absolutely necessary, that the Patient *cannot live* without them, nor the Physician *justify* himself, before the Tribunal of his own Conscience. In Constitutions that are not *Hot*, *Spirits of Heart-Horn*, of *Soot*, of *Sal-Armoniack* succinated, also *Tincture of Antimony*, or of *Coral*, are all very commendable. And when the Sick is deliver'd from his *Pains*, and has recover'd a competency of *Strength*; to compleat his Cure, I recommend travelling long Journies on Horseback, or in a Coach, for such *excitations* of the Parts, will strengthen the Bowels, shake off the Relicks of the Disease, and make Life Pleasant and Comfortable, till the devouring Teeth of Time shall destroy that as well as every thing else.

*The Author's own
Remedies*

Having thus briefly given you the *Nature*, *Origine*, *Seat*, *Symptoms*, *Cause* and *Cure* of this Excruciating Disease call'd the *Cholick*, with the *choicest* Remedies used by the most celebrated Physicians of former Ages, and the present Time; I shall now, according to Promise, say something of my own Medicines, that the bountiful *Giver of all good things* has bless'd me with the Knowledge of, and which I can depend upon, from uncontradicted *Experience* in many Years Practice, for the certain Cure of this Disease, in all *Curable Cases*, and for giving *Ease* in the most

Danger

Dangerous, whose *Obstinacy* and *Inveteracy* will not admit of a *Perfect Cure*: Which Remedies are of three sorts, a *Chimical Elixir*, an *Anticholical Cordial Water*, *Pills*, and an *Electuary*; all safe and *Salubrious* in their *Nature*, and effectual in their *Operations*, as will be attested by *numerous Patients* that have committed themselves to my *Care*, and found extraordinary *Benefit* by them; when Men of greater *Names*, after long *Tryals* have been unsuccessful, to the infinite *Trouble* and great *Expence* of the Diseased; both which will be prevented by the Method I take, in a happy conjunction of *Speculative* and *Experimental Knowledge*, as the only remedy of the *Inconveniencies* that cramp a *Successful Practice*.

The Medicines I exhibit are *sure*, and the Knowledge I have of their *vertue*, is not the effect of my *Reasoning*; but of my *Observation*; so that those that use them will find them *Successful*. I say, this Knowledge is not the Fruits of my *Reason*, because in reality it is not; and further, to set this Assertion right, it cannot be so; for in the matter of *Medicines*, we have no other way to follow, but that of *Observation*: For to offer to discover, by Reason alone, the *vertue* of Medicaments, is the way never to find what we seek for. I therefore apply myself to *Experience*, and leave those Tricks and vain Subtilities, which according to *Quintilian*, render us like those little *Insects*, that are never pleas'd but when they are among Thorns and Briars. Its high time to shake off this School Physick, which is good for nothing but *wrangling*, and attain a *positive Physick*, which is of use in Practice. By *posi-*

itive Physick, I don't mean one made up of *Authorities*, which consists in knowing the Sentiments of divers Authors upon a controverted Point, as in Positive Divinity; But I mean one that consists of positive *Matters of Fact*, which teaches what has been often successful in the *same* Circumstances; and I may be bold to say, that Positive Physick, regulated by *Method*, is the true Physick.

School Physick, enables Practitioners to make smart Repartees, to come off handsomely in a controverted Point; and the other makes us *sensible* and Prudent, so as to order nothing but what's *convenient*: The one makes us Headstrong and Opinionative, and the other makes us *honest* Physicians, who seek for nothing but how to inform our selves, and to be useful: The one seeks for *Evasions* how to defend himself under a Disappointment, and the other for Medicines to *Cure* Distempers: The one consults his *Ideas*, and the other consults his *Reason* and *Experience*: The one makes *Pedants*, and the other *Physicians*.

A Chymical Elixir, and its Operation.

And first, my *Chymical Elixir*, is in its own Nature peculiarly adapted to the *Cure* of the Cholick, because its innate virtues are powerful in allaying *Pains*, taking away the *Cause* of the Disease, and re-invigorating the Patient's *Strength*, and refreshing his *spirits*, by which means, and not by any *Narcotick* quality in the Medicine, Nature is enabled to expel the Morbifick Matter lodg'd in the Nervous *Plexus's* of the *Mesentery*, and to subdue and conquer the Disease. This *Elixir* also is endued with an excellent Quality, to *Purify* the Blood and Nervous Liquors,

Liquors, and keep them in a due and regular *Crafs*, in order to prevent the engendring of Morbifick Matter; Strengthens the *Brain* and the *Nervous* Foldings of the *Abdomen*, and removes the present *Procatarxis* of the *Cholick*, and hinders the Invasions of Pains for the Future, so that they shall seldom or never return afterwards.

Which *Elixir* is to be taken, Ten Drops at a time, when assaulted by Cholick Pains, in Five or Six Spoonfuls of Generous Wine, smooth clear Ale, or well brew'd Table-Beer, every half Hour till the Pain is abated, and then forbear taking any more Drops for that time, unless the Pain returns. This Quantity of Drops is proper for *Men*; but the *Fair* Sex must take but Five or Six Drops at a time, in Two or Three Spoonfuls of either of the above mention'd Liquors, observing the same Rules as are given to Men. But if the Sick are enclined to Vomit up whatever they take, let the Patient take the same quantity of Drops in a smaller quantity of Liquor. Some Persons of both Sexes can take a greater number of Drops than others; and in violent Fits of the Cholick, if the Patient has not ease with a small number of Drops, let them add two Drops every time they take them, till easy, then take no more that time. As to the quantity of the Drops the Patient is the proper judge, who finding what number of Drops best agrees with his Constitution, his own Reason will induce him in all Effects, to stick to that Quantity.

When either Man or Woman takes my *Elixir* in the Day time, let them lye down upon a Bed, dispose themselves to Rest, and if

How to be taken, and its happy Effects.

if they find their *Stomachs* any way disorder'd, the longer they *repose*, the sooner they will find Refreshment and *Ease*.

If the Sick enter into a course of taking my *Elixir*, to eradicate this Distemper and put a final end to his tormenting Pains, let him take Four Drops at Night when he is going to Bed, in a Glass of some of the *Vehicles* afore named, or in *Bohe Tea*, and continue so to do, by adding One Drop every successive Night, till he has imbibed 20, 30, or 40 Drops; or at least the certain number that agrees with him, and adhere to that, till he finds himself recover'd; always lying long in Bed in the *Morning*, that the *Elixir* may the sooner produce its desired happy Effect.

*An Ad-
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ment to
Water-
Drinkers.*

Further, if the Sick has at any time, found some Benefit by drinking *Spaw-Water*, and is desirous to continue it, because his Bowels are too Hot, let him put Six Drops of my *Elixir* into half a Pint of *Spaw-Water*, and drink it going to Bed, for a Month together; for, this *Elixir* is the best Medicine in the World, to make all *Mineral Waters* pass off well and quickly by Urine or Seige; which if they stay long in the Body, by taking up their Quarters in the *Head* or *Feet*, they will cause the *Vertigo*, or *Gout*, as is often found by dreadful Experience. Which may serve as a cautionary *Advertisement*, to all that accustom themselves for Diversion or Necessity sake, to drink *Tunbridge*, *Epsom*, *Dul-lege*, *Kensington*, *Islington*, *North-Hall*, *Bath*, *Northampton-shire*, *Derby-shire*, or *York-shire-Waters*, that they always carry a small Bottle of my *Elixir* along with them, for prevention of such ill Accidents as frequently come

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to pass, by drinking those Waters alone, and to effect more *safely, certainly and speedily* their *Intentions* in drinking those Mineral Waters, which for want of using my *Elixir* with them, generally prove ineffectual.

This *Elixir*, a name taken from the *Arabick* Word *Eleeschir*, signifying Powerful, is also effectual against the Stone, Gravel, and Bloody Urine; stops Vomiting and a Loosness, and is a proper Medicine against Chatars, Coughs, and all Diseases incident to the Head and Breast. It continues its whole Vertue in all *Climates*, and consequently is fit to be carried, as it has been, to the *East* or *West-Indies*, to any of the *Northern Countries*, the *Mediterranean*, or the *South-Seas*. It will last more than *Twenty Years*, and no Family that has *Experienc'd* its *Vertues* in many others, as well as this Distemper, will be without it.

And since in this Disease, *all things*, tho' *The Author's Cordial Cholic Water.* properly enough contrived and invented, do not agree with *all Persons*, nor please in the same *Form* of Composition, and that some *Palates* disrelish what others imbibe with Pleasure, so there is sometimes a *Necessity* of changing and altering Medicines in respect of their *Form*, as well as *Ingredients* in their Composition, that they may more *effectually* operate upon the different *vicious Humours*, and on the *various Parts* affected.

To answer all these Ends, I invented my *Cordial Anticholical Water*, whose vertues far exceed the common Tincture of *Steel* and of *Antimony* and *Amber*, so much extoll'd in the Cure of the Cholic; because after a *peculiar* manner, it gives *Ease* by expelling the

the *viscous Recrements* in the great *Mesenterick Plexus*, to which the *Intestines* are annexed, and allays the griping Pains that follow the irregular Cure of *Fevers*, which are caus'd, by transferring the *Morbifick Matter* to the *Glandules* of the *Mesentery*, and the subsequent irritation of its *Nerves*. This *Anticholical Water*, or *Solar Liquor*, has also both a *Diuretick* and *Carminative* Quality, and has admirable effects, both in *Tender* and *Robust* Constitutions, and I often give it with great Success, either by it self, or mix'd with other proper *Specificks*, as a Spur in *Hot Discrasies* of the *Viscera* with a predominancy of *adust Sulphur*, as also in *Flitting*, *Scorbutical*, and irregular *Boilings* of the *Blood* and *Nervous juice*, which seldom or never fails of doing good in the most desperate Cases I have met with, in many Years Practice.

How to be
taken.

This Water is to be taken by Two or Three Spoonfuls at any time, when the Sick is grieved with the *Cholick*; either by it self, or put into a Glass of warm Ale, or burnt White-Wine, and being repeated as occasion requires, the *Physician* will accomplish his main end, and the *Patient* if he is a Person of common *Ingenuity*, *Gratitude* and *Honesty*, will not grudge his Expence of Time or Money, in purchasing so efficacious Remedy.

The Third *Nostrum* I employ for the Cure of the *Cholick*, I call *Pillula Anticolica*, or *Anticholical Pills*; They are compounded of the choicest Ingredients in the whole *Materia Medica*, and require a long time and great Care and Pains in their Preparation, the *Mass* being an *Extract* and no common Composition,

Composition, as will appear in their *Operation*, and the happy *effects* produced by them. Now you having read in the foregoing Discourse, that in some Cases, and especially when the *Intestines* are much contracted by *Viscous Matter* contain'd in them, that *Purg-ing Medicines* are not to be used; and that in other Cases, for the Cure of the Cholick, strong *Catharticks* are absolutely necessary; to avoid these extreams, I have chosen the *Golden mean*, and so contrived my *Anticholical Pills*, by mixing attenuating and mollifying Ingredients with Purgatives, that they will Work but gently, tho' very *effectually*, in order to discuss or expel the *Peccant Humours* by degrees, without offering *Violence* to Nature, by being over *hasty* in the Cure, and to that end administering over powerful Purgatives, which rather weaken the Patient, than mitigate his Pains, or diminish his Distemper. But my Pills are *Hermetically* compounded, and at the same time both throw out the sharp *offending Humours*, corroborate the *Stomach*, fortify the *Spirits*, and strengthen the whole Body against the future Invasion of the Disease, as the only safe and easy way to a perfect Cure, which these Pills, taken according to the following Directions, very seldom leave behind them.

They are to be taken, one Pill late at Night, at the time of going to Rest, every third or fourth Night, and if that Pill does not Work pretty early in the Morning, take one or two Pills more every two Hours, till they Operate gently, but if it makes the Patient Sick in his Stomach, and doth not Purge him, let him Dissolve an

Ounce of *Epsom Salt*, or six Drams of the *Laxative Electuary*, in a Pint of Water Gruel, or Mutton-Broath, and drink it Blood-warm, the Pills will have the same effect, if they are forced to be purg'd off; Two, Three, or Four Stools is sufficient for one time: Keep very warm, and drink nothing cold that Day. After taking them, let the Sick drink large draughts of thin *Chicken Broath*, *Mutton Broath*, or Water Gruel, or for want of them *Posset Drink*, to dilute the sharp Humours, cast them out, or their *Acrimony* being taken off, reduce them to a better Temper: Which you will soon find, if this Course is duly repeated, as often as there is occasion, and when there is none, take no more Pills, for I don't give them for Lucre of *Money*, but to answer the Intention of *Healing*, for therein consists my Interest. These Pills are good for the Scurvy, Pains in any part of the Body, King's Evil, corrupt Humours in any Part of the Body, the Itch, Leprosie, Old Ulcers, Worms, Gravel, Stones and in other Cases where Purging is necessary.

*The Fourth
Remedy.*

Those Days wherein the Patient does not Purge, I give a *Cordial Electuary*, which I call *Electuarium Anticolica*, or my *Anticholical Electuary*, which is the *Fourth Remedy* for the Cure of this Disease, and which seldom fails, if the Disease is Cureable, this *Electuary* being indued with such rare, uncommon and well experienc'd *Vertues*, agreeable to the Dictates of *Nature* and *Art*, and so significantly adapted to the Cure of the *Cholick*, in all its various kinds, where purging is necessary or unnecessary and dangerous, that the Patient will seldom be perfectly cured with-
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out it; because as I have found by repeated Experience, that when all other Remedies prescribed by the best Hands have been ineffectual, this *Electuary* has done the Work, by corroborating the Stomach, correcting its vicious Fermentation, retrieving its depraved Appetite, and restoring its almost lost *Tone* to a regular and sanative *Crafs*.

This *Electuary* is sometimes also to be taken in the Morning on an empty Stomach: Its *Dose* is about the quantity of a *Nutmeg*, fasting an Hour after it, and again at Four or Five in the Afternoon, for 10, 15, 20, or 30 Days, when you use no Purgatives, Eat what Dyet is most *nourishing* and sits light upon the Stomach, and abstain from nothing so much as *Milk* and *Stale Beer*. And now I might be very Copious, in the Commendation and Praise of these *Four Remedies*, invented by, and I believe only known to my *self*, and are disposed of at no Place, but my Dwelling-House; but that Persons who know me not, may not think I *harangue* to promote my own *Profit* in selling them, I shall wave it for the present, and leave every Man that buys and uses them, to give them what Character they Deserve. For when I have said all I can, *Wise Men* will not regard what is *said* of them, but what *Cures* have been, and may be accomplished by them. And from hence I proceed to Observations, and *Examples* of Persons cured of the Cholick, by the regular use of my afore named Remedies of which its needless to give you great Numbers, tho' I am plentifully furnish'd with them; because the Publick has almost Weekly notice of Persons cured by me in

*Directions
for taking
this Ele-
ctuary.*

Certificates under the Hands of my Patients,
well attested, and Printed in the Publick
News Papers.

Examples
of Persons
Cured.

A Gentlewoman of good Reputation, extremely afflicted with the *Cholick* for many Years, after she had taken, as she thought, the best Advice that could be given in *London*, was recommended to my Care for the Cure of her *Cholick*. I gave her *Antimonial Emeticks*, *Chalybeats*, *Catharticks* and *Alcalious Medicines*, but without any effect, she continuing still in a sad and deplorable Condition. While she was empty, she had an abatement of her Pain; but she no sooner Eat, but her Pains return'd and continued till her Food was Digested. At the same time when she labour'd under this Disease, she was often overwhelm'd with *Vapours*; often complain'd of Pain between her Shoulders and in other Parts, and well she might; for considering the *Scituation* of the Parts, I found that when she was full, her Stomach pressed upon the *Pancreas*, which is a sort of a *Pillow* to keep the Stomach from rubbing against the *Vertebre's* of the Back, and soon after discover'd, that the *Pancreas* and *Pylorus* were the Parts affected, occasion'd by the Acidity of the *Pancreas* and the Unctiousness of the *Gall*, which had produced an *Ulcer* in the *Pancreas*, which with the *Pylorus* was full of Matter, and when I had interchangeably given her my forenamed *Arcana's*, she threw out at times upward and downward, a prodigious quantity of *Pus*, and then administering proper *Pacificks* and *Healers*, she was perfectly cured, retired into the Country, where she continues in Health to this Day.

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This Gentlewoman being unwilling to have her Name publish'd, I will not disoblige her in doing it; and shall take this opportunity to satisfy the Publick, that I never Print any Person's Name without their leave, or a Testimony under the Patient's Hand; but if any Person seems to doubt the truth of it, his *curiosity* may be satisfied by her Brother, a *Merchant*, who was an Eye-Witness of the Cure, and dwells at *Humberton*, in the Parish of *Hackney*, in *Middlesex*.

Grace, Wife of *Thomas Hogges Weaver*, dwelling in *Church-street*, in *Coverlet-street*, next House to the Sign of the *Lyons*, was troubled with the *Cholick* six whole Years together, in which time she had the Advice of several *Physitians*, but they doing her no good, at last she apply'd her self to me, and I cured her out of mere *Charity*, who has since been so grateful, as to recommend several other Patients to me, who were in better Circumstances in regard of Wealth, who all as well as her self have been perfectly Cured by the use of my afore-named Medicines.

A Tradesman in the City of *London*, who had suffer'd intollerable *Cholical Pains*, and had taken several Medicines from his own *Physitian* and *Apothecary* for a considerable time, was induced to apply himself to me, and I gave him Ease immediately, and in a very short time after, perfectly cured him. Those that doubt the truth of this matter, if they think fit to enquire of me, I shall direct them to the Person himself that was Cured,

Cured, who will readily attest the Truth of what I have here asserted, to the Satisfaction of any Person, that is not obliged by Interest to shew himself Intretulous.

*The Cholick
in the Sto-
mach.*

Having now finish'd what I had to say of an *Accidental Cholick*, according to the Method proposed, I am obliged to treat of the Cholick as *complicated* or joined with other Diseases, and that which leads the Van, is the *Stomachical Cholick*, and that very justly, because the *Minera* of all Chronical Diseases are to be sought in the Stomach: And if the upper *Orifice* of it, which is of *exquisite Sense*, by reason of the intermixture of *Nerves*, with which it is plentifully furnish'd from the *vaga sexta*, Branches whereof being communicated to the *Heart*, that noble part being affected, then the Disease is called in Greek *καρδιαγία* vel *καρδία*, and in Latin *Cardiacus dolor*, the *Pain of the Heart*; but if the lower *Orifice* called *Pylorus* be affected, it is called *Dolor, seu Colica Ventriculi*, Pain, or the *Cholick in the Stomach*, more especially if it proceed from *Wind*.

*Causes of
the Cholick
in the Sto-
mach.*

The *Internal Causes* of this Disease, sometimes proceed from great *Oppression* and Pain of the Stomach, sometimes from frequent and violent *Vomiting*, which arises from the *Chyle* there degenerated into a *Mass* of Corruption; but oftner from the *Morbifick Matter* brought thither, either by the conveyance of the *Blood*, or also of the *Nervous Juice*, and either deposited within the *Cavity* of the Stomach, or fix'd in the *Plexus's* of the *Nerves*, and in the *Membranes* appertaining to it. Sometimes *Worms* gnawing the *Tunicles* of the Stomach cause this Disease, or *Wind* lodg'd

lodg'd in the Cavity of the Stomach, which causes Swellings and painful Diffension, or from sharp *Phlegm*, or Green and Black *Choler*; whose sharp Vapours cause Pain, or from corrupt Matter from an *Imposthume* in the Liver, or the Breast, *Diseases* of the Stomach, and Parts adjoining; ill *Humours* from the whole Body as in Fevers, *Choler* from the Liver, *Melancholly* from the Spleen, Salt *Phlegm* from the Head; all these may be the Causes of the *Cholick* in the Stomach.

The *External* Causes of this Malady, may be corrupt Nourishment, Viands too Hot that breed Wind or *Choler*; *Meat* taken in too large quantity, *Poyson*, or strong sharp and dangerous Medicines *uncorrected*.

Diagnostick Signs, are, Pain in the *Ensi-* *Symptoms*
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formis, or lower part of the Breast-Bone, which signifie that the upper Orifice of the Stomach is affected with very sharp Pain, that will not suffer the Patient to take any Rest, and sometimes cause an inveterate Headach, the *Megrim*, *Vertigo* and the *Epilepsy*. In the other Parts of the Stomach the Symptoms are not so violent, but are truly *Cholical*, and exactly resemble that Disease in its utmost Latitude.

Prognostick Symptoms are ominous, for this Disease is more dangerous than any other Disease of the Stomach, and the Danger is greater if it is accompanied with a Fever, for in such a case, according to *Hippocrates*, Death is at hand. Its least dangerous if it proceeds from Worms; tho' even in that, sometimes dangerous Symptoms appear and the Patient dies. In short, the *Prognosticks* are usually the Symptoms of *Hypochondriack Illness*; and if they happen upon the recovery of a Disease,
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portends its *relapse*; if they come from *Wind* that cannot be removed. a *Dry Dropsie* follows. If they stink horribly, they are very *Malignant* and *Contagious*.

Cure of a
Cholick in
the Sto-
mach.

The method of Curing a *Stomachical Cholick*, if it be not grown *Obstinate*, *Inveterate*, and beyond the *Power* of Medicines to give Relief, is by considering the *Cause* of the Disease, to prescribe Medicines that are proper to remove it.

If *Wind* is the Cause, *Carminative* Clysters are exhibited, to discuss it and moderate the violent Pains in the Stomach caused by it: And if the *Wind* be accompanied with flushings in the Face and excessive Heat, *Spirit of Nitre* dulcified with *Spirit of Wine*, and impregnated with the *Vertue* of *Carminative* Simples after *Sylvius's Method*, is said to be an incomparable Remedy. *Inveterate acid* Belchings are put off, by five or six *Pepper Corns* being taken every *Morning Fasting*. If the *Wind* proceed from a thick stubborn *Mucilage*, *Asthmatical* Syrups, and *Michael's Elixir* for the Stomach are very proper; to which you may add Externally, *Fomentations* with *Oil of Chamomel*, and of the *Carminative Seeds*: Or with a mixture of *Aniseed-Water*, *Spirit of Wine* Camphorated and *Treacle*.

If a *Viscous* stinking, or otherwise offensive matter be cast up by *Vomit*, and there be suspicion that the Cause lies in the Cavity of the Stomach, 'tis proper to give a gentle *Vomit* of *Wine of Squills*, or of *Salt of Vitriol*; or the offending Humours may be purg'd off by Stool, by *Stomachical Catharticks* adapted *pro re nata*. But if the Matter sticks deeply and firmly within the *Membranes*, or foldings of the Nerves, *Diaphoreticks* or *Specificks* that

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moderate the effervescencies of the Salts are more prevalent, and ought to be administered at proper times, as the Physician employ'd shall find occasion: Not forgetting, twice or thrice a Day to apply *Fomentations* to the Region of the Stomach, with Woolen Cloths dipt in the warm'd Liquid Medicine last above named, and wrung forth; for that will much contribute to the abatement of the Patient's griping, intolerable Pains.

In the next place it will be expected that here I should say something of a *Stomachical Cholick* caused by *Worms* gnawing the *Tunics* of the Stomach, but I shall wholly omit it at present; because the next *Physical Discourse* I shall publish, shall be a *Treatise of the Worms*, which I am now preparing for the *Press*. In the mean time, if any Person, *Young or Old*, that is troubled with them, and desires to be rid of those *Vexations* and dangerous *Inmates*, that render Life so uneasy, if he please to come or send to me, he may be supplied with *Antivermetick* Medicines of my own preparing, that will effectually *Eject* those vile Inhabitants, under every denomination.

But to return from this Digression, the *The Author's own* Method I have shewn in the general practice of Physick, by the best Physicians of the present Age, in the foregoing Paragraphs, is what I observe my self, tho' the Medicines I give are entirely of my own *Inventing, Compounding and Preparing*, and the *Efficacy* whereof I can rely upon for a Cure, (if curable) of this dangerous Disease; for tho' in all *Cholical Distempers* my *Elixir, Cholick-Water, Pills and Electuary*, will have their Turns, yet am I not unprovided of other

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Medicines to assist effectually in the Cure, when the Cholick is *complicated* with other Diseases, and consequently indigitates the use of others, as the Cholick *varies* in its *Name, Cause and Parts affected.*

For these Reasons and because in *Stomachical Cholicks*, proceeding from Viscous stinking Matter lodg'd in the Cavity of the Stomach, a Vomit seems absolutely necessary, to dislodge the offending Humour; I am always provided of an *Emetick* of such an universal Vertue, that it answers all the *Intentions* of *Nature and Art* in Vomiting, and leaves no *Relicks* for another Lavasion behind it. Which Medicine will never lose its Vertue, and consequently may be sent to the remotest parts of the *Universe*, and private *Families* may keep it by them to use when they have occasion.

Where the corrupted Matter in a *Stomachical Cholick* sticks firm and deep within the *Membranes* or *Foldings* of the *Nerves*, and indigitates the use of *Diaphoreticks*, or such Medicines as moderate the effervescencies of the *Salts*: For those purposes I have a *Mineral Remedy*, which I exhibit sometimes in *Powder*, other whiles in the form of an *Electuary*, and at other times in a *Decoction* or *Syrup*, as they best agree with the Patient's *Palate*, which works almost miraculously in this Disease, and so cleanse, purify and strengthen the Stomach, and assist it in the Work of *Fermentation*, that it expels all noxious humours whatever, and retains what conduces to a *vigorous* constitution and a *durable* state of Health.

These great things I am sensible my numerous Enemies, which are chiefly Persons

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of my own *Profession*, or such unthinking People as are *prejudiced* by their malicious false stories, will call idle, vain *Boasting*, but those that have experienced and tried my Medicines, will do me justice in a modest and juster Character, and esteem my Remedies as *Non-Pareils*.

This Disease being commonly known by *The Hy-* the tormenting Pains that always accompany *sterical* it, might reasonably save me the labour of *Cholick*. giving, and my Reader the loss of time in perusing them: However, in compliance with my Promise, I shall give him one of the many Observations I have made, and Examples I am able to produce.

John Gregory Cabinet-Maker, in *Philip-Lane*, in the Parish of *St. Alphage*, near *London-Wall*, being grieved with the Cholick in his *Stomach*, attended with extraordinary Pain in the *Ensiformis*, or lower part of the Breast Bone; which was sufficient reason to induce me to be of Opinion, that the *upper Orifice* of the Stomach was affected; and giving him proper Medicines of my own, he no sooner took them according to my Directions, but he found *ease immediately*, and continuing the use of them a very short time, he was restored to his former Health, and was able to follow his Business, which he was incapable of doing for Five Months time, before he applied himself to me, tho' he had taken many Medicines of others, without receiving any Benefit by them; but now enjoys perfect Health, the only comfort of Life.

This Disease, called by the Greeks *Πύλιν* *Uteri*, and by the Latins *Uteri Stangulatio*

or *Colica Hystericalis*, the *Histerical Cholick*, or *Pits of the Mother*, is not to be imputed to the *Ascent* or *Rising* of the Womb, according to the vulgar expression: Nor to the Impetuous rushing of the Blood into the *Lungs*; for the effect truly called *Hysterical*, is chiefly and primarily *Convulsive*, and depends principally on the *Brain* and *genus Nervosum* being affected, and is produced by the explosion of the Animal Spirits as are other *Convulsive Motions*, and whatever disorder or irregularities happen else about the motion of the Blood they are only *Secondary* and depend on the *Convulsions* of the *Viscera*. Nor is this Disease only frequent, but so strangely *various*, that it resembles almost all the Diseases poor Mortals are inclin'd to, and generally ends in an *Hemiplegy*, a *Palsy* on one side, below the Head, which obstructs the Animal Spirits in their passage, and is exactly like an *Appoplexy*; whereby *corpulent* and *old* People are destroyed, because the *Cortex* of the Brain is stop'd by a super abundance of *Phlegm*. In the violent *Convulsions* that happen in an *Hysterical Cholick*, Women seem to have the *Falling Sicknes*s, and sometimes struggle so violently, that tho' at other times their Strength is but ordinary, they can scarce be held by all the united Strength of those that are about them.

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The Symptoms of this Disease are *various* and manifold, and seldom agree in divers Women, or happen wholly in the same manner: The most common are, Malignant Vapours, excessive stretching or tearing Pain under the short Ribs, a *motion* in the lower part of the Belly, and an *Ascent*, as it were,

of some round thing there, falsely imputed to the *Womb*, then a *Belching* or straining to *Vomit*, a distention of the *Hypochondres*, and a rumbling with a *Belching* forth of *Wind*, an *uneven* and for the most part *short Breath*, a *Suffocation* in the *Throat*, a *Giddiness*, an inversion or rolling of the *Eyes*, often *Laughing* or *Weeping* or *Talking Idly*; sometimes a *speechlessness* and *Immobility*, with an obscure or no *Pulse*, and a *Cadaverous Countenance*. Women of all Ages and Conditions are Obnoxious to this Disease, Rich and Poor, Virgins, Wives, Widows, and sometimes those Symptoms appear in Girls before *Puberty*, and sometimes in Old Woman after their *Menses* are ceased; and some learned Physicians tells us, that even Men are sometimes troubled with such kind of *Passions*. But,

Tho' the *Hysterical Cholick* often rises from the *Brain*, yet sometimes it comes by a Cause beginning either in the *Womb*, or in other parts of the *Viscera*, and in whatever part it seats it self, it presently produces such Symptoms as *belong to it*, and unless the Physician is very Skilful, he will be mistaken, and think those Symptoms come from some *Essential* Distemper of this or that Part, and not from an *Hysterick Cholick*; therefore the Symptoms are best taken from the Part affected. But among all the *Diagnostick* Signs of an *Hysterical Cholick*, this is most proper and almost inseparable, viz. an *Urine* as clear as *Rock-Water*, which *Hysterical Women* evacuate most plentifully, and is in almost all of them the *Pathognomick* Sign of this Disease, which we call *Hysterical* in Women and *Hypocondriacal* in Men; and Women and Men

Men seldom Recover, till the *Citron* colour'd Urine returns to its *Amber* colour.

Prognostick Symptoms.

If the *Female* Patient, is extraordinarily troubled with *Cholick* griping Pains and incessant Vomitings, joined with strong Convulsive Fits, her *Menses* stopt, undergoing violent Contractions and Convulsions, about the parts of the *Mouth*, and *Face*, and *Arms*, and *Legs*, with a *Pale*, Wan Countenance and trembling as she walks, and growing every Day worse than other, her Case is very *Dangerous* and seldom or never admits of Cure: But if the Convulsions cease, by administering proper Medicines, adapted to *Cholick* Pains and Fits of the *Mother* in Conjunction; *Vapours* ascending from the Womb are expell'd, and the *Menses* orderly flow, they are hopeful Indications.

Causes of an Hysterical Cholick.

The *Procatartick* or External Causes of this complicated Disease, are violent motions of the Body, or which is oftner and worse, violent Perturbations of the Mind from some sudden assault, either of *Anger* or *Grief*, or such like Passions, especially as I have said already, if Urine clear as *Chrystal* evacuated copiously at some certain times, makes the *Diagnostick* more manifest. But to these Disorders of the Mind, which are usually the Cause of this Disease, *Emptiness* of the Stomach by reason of long *Fasting*, is to be added, and immoderate *Bleeding*, a *Vomit* or *Purge* that has wrought too much. Now having drawn the Picture of this Disease, according to its vulgar *Phaenomena*; in the next place, the *Internal*, Efficient Causes are to be considered, as well as I can gather them from all the Circumstances joined together: And in my Opinion this Disease that I call

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an *Hysterical Cholick*, proceeds from a stoppage of the *Menses*, a confusion of the Animal Spirits, when too many of them, and contrary to due proportion are violently hurried upon this or that part, causing Convulsions and Pains, when they rush upon Parts of Exquisite Sense; to which the causes of a *Simple Cholick* being added, you have the true Causes of this Disease.

The general method for the Cure of this Disease, is, first to give present Ease in the *Paroxysms*, and then proceed to a Cure. To accomplish both these *Intentions*, 'tis usual in the first place to apply stinking and strong smelling things to the Nostrils, the *Effluvia*s of which, repress and reduce to order the Spirits which are grown too *Wild*, and apt to make *exorbitant* efforts; nay, and discuss their *Heterogeneous* combination, and often wholly exterminate it. *Assa Fetida*, *Castoreum*, *Galbanum*, tyed in a fine Cloth and held to the Nostrils are proper; also *Partridges* Feathers, or old *Shoes* burnt, or *Sulphur* kindled; also the *Spirit and Oil of Soot* and *Harts-horn* often give Ease; but the chief Indication in this Disease, is to strengthen the Blood which is the fountain of the Spirits; which being done, the invigorated Spirits can preserve that order which is agreeable to the *Oeconomy* of the whole Body, and the particular Parts. And therefore when the *Ataxy* of the Spirits has vitiated the *Humours* by long continuance, you must first lessen the *Humours* so corrupted, by *bleeding* and *Purging* if the Patient has sufficient Strength, before you endeavour to invigorate the Blood; and which indeed you can scarce

scarce do, whilst a *feculent* heap of Humours lye in the way.

If there be room for a *Vomit*, you must always begin with that, especially in *Cachymical* Persons in whom a mighty load of *Viscous* Phlegm sticking to the Folds and Coats of the Stomach, hinders the Vertues of other Medicines. In a few Days after the Vomit, unless somewhat indicates the contrary; in Women of a *Hot* Temperament open a Vein in the Arm presently, or afterward if need be take Blood from the Foot, or the Fundament by *Leeches*, and after these Evacuations duly performed: *always provided they be indicated*, let a Purge be given three or four Mornings after. Then to *strengthen* the Blood, and consequently support the Spirits, let *Chalbeates* be exhibited to raise a *Volatile Ferment* in the Vapid and Languid Blood, that the *Spirits* may be roused, which before were press'd down by their own Weight. These Directions I think sufficient, without prescribing particular Medicines or their Doses, for he that does not understand what Medicines are proper, in every Disease, the quantity to be given, and the manner *How*, and the time *When*, is unfit to practise Physick; and for those who do not pretend to that Skill, they may have *experimented* Medicines of me in most Diseases, if they either please to come themselves, or send their Cases in *Writing*, or by an *Intelligent* Messenger.

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Frances Mash, dwelling next House to the Sign of the Three Travellers in Kent-street, Southwark, being so violently afflicted with a Hysterick Cholick, that it was thought it would have been her Death; upon taking my Remedy, which I freely gave her, because she was but in mean Circumstances, she was perfectly recover'd of her Distemper, and desired it might be published for the good of all People, who suffer under the same Disease.

Mrs. Poulter, dwelling at Mr. Jackson's a Brick-Layer, in Mercer's-street, next Door to the Sign of the Angel in Long-Acre, in the Parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, being sore grieved with a Cholick and Vapours, insomuch that her painful Fits continued several
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Nights together, to that degree that her Life was despair'd of by all that visited her being thought past recovery; but applying her self to me, and God giving a Blessing to my Medicines, she was perfectly cured and continues in as good Health as ever she enjoyed in her whole Life, tho' she has not taken any Medicines for Eight or Ten Months last past.

A *Gentlewoman* of good Reputation, is, for the Publick good, ready and willing to attest the Truth of Two remarkable and extraordinary Cures, perform'd by taking my Medicines; one, upon her Father, who was severely afflicted with the *Cholick* arising from *Hypocondriack* Effects, which is the same Disease in Men as *Hysterical* are in Women, and the other on her *Daughter*, which was purely *Cholical* the *stone*, and *Hysterical*, whose Cases were both thought very dangerous, by some eminently Learned Physicians, who attempted their Cure, but without Success; who afterwards following my Directions in taking my Remedies, had the benefit of an absolute Cure. If any Persons desire it, I shall direct them to the Gentlewoman's Habitation, who will satisfy them of the Truth of what is above asserted.

Mary Wats, dwelling in *Noble-street*, near *Goldsmiths-Hall*, being seized with the *Stone* and an *Hysterick Cholick*, which kept her almost in continued Pains, at times for Ten Years together, and was thought by her self and others incurable, by giving her my Medicines appropriated to that Distemper, she had Relief and an absolute Cure.

And since Experience shews, that stoppage of the *Menfes*, or suppression of the Courses, is one of the Causes of a *Hysterick Cholick*; I cannot here forbear to acquaint the World, that I am possess'd of a *Pouder*, of a long, Curious and Chargeable *Preparation*, which never fails to Cure that Distemper, whether in Women, caused by the Veins of the *Matrix* being obstructed, so that the *superfluous* Blood which nature ordain'd to be evacuated that way, having not a free Passage, returns to the greater *Vessels*, and is circulated with the whole *Mass of Blood and Humours*, by which they are in time vitiated, to the great prejudice of the Womans Health, in being the Original Causes of several other Diseases as well as the *Hysterick Cholick*. Or if these *Obstructions* happen to *Virgins*, and then is called the *Green-sickness*, the *White-Fever* and the *White Jaundice*, because the native colour in such Persons is very *Pale*; yet a few Grains of this *Pouder* taken according to my *Directions*, will infallibly cure all those Diseases, as all that try it will happily Experience: And for cleansing the Womb, and furthering Conception in *Barren* Women, there is not the like Medicine (I believe) in the World.

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Calica Scorbaticus, or the *Scorbutick Cholick*. The Scorbutick Cholick. There's a sort of *Cachexy* reigning in our *Northern Clymats*, whose Symptoms chiefly appearing in the *Hypochondria*, is called the *Hypochondriack Evil*, and when its Symptoms are very fierce and exalted, 'tis named the *Scurvy*: An *Apellation* given it by the *Saxons* in *North Germany*, who are generally afflicted with it. 'Tis a busie, intermedling, encroaching Disease, that now mingles almost

with all Chronical Distempers, and passes inconceivably into all parts of the Body; which caused *Helmant* to say of complicated Effects, that *per ignorata seminaria, & initia invisibilia, by unknown Seminaries, and in visible Beginnings*, which is certainly true, for in these latter times new Diseases have started up, which were unknown to the Antients; because they have put on other strange Symptoms and Properties, *Quibus larvati incedunt*, with which they walk disguised and deceive such Physicians, as think to Cure Diseases by following the Directions and Precepts of the Antients, who knew little or nothing of the unaccountable Mixtures, Complications and Disguises, which we daily see; and yet some are so sottish to confine themselves to such superannuated exploded Definitions, Notions and Medicines as they have left us, who practised when Diseases were but few, more single, calm and gentle, and more tractable and curable than at this Day, when its rare to find an uncomplicated Disease, in which the Blood and other Humours are not vitiated, by being unhappily mix'd with other unseen Maladies.

Now because the Scurvy is a lurking Disease, and consumes the Patient by insensible or slow degrees, and its direful effects are never so much perceived or felt, as when it intermixes it self with other Diseases, so its seldom regarded as the principal Offender, but the the Disease is chiefly attributed to the Concomitant Distemper that causes Pain. So it often happens, that a continued latent Scurvy is little observed, but when its joined with the Cholick that causes griping tormenting Pains, the Disease is called a Cholick, and

and Remedies used accordingly without Success, because the *Scurvy* was neglected, tho' scarce any effect requires a more speedy *Physical* help, than the *Cholick* and Gripes of the Belly occasion'd by the *Scurvy*, which makes them more violent, and of longer continuance, by obstinately resisting the Methods of Cure.

In the Symptoms of the *Scorbutick Cholick*, I shall be very brief, having been very large on that Head in the foregoing Cholicks.

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The usual Signs are, high colour'd Urine or precipitating a Red Sandy Flesh colour'd Sediment, or fastens red friable Sand upon the sides of the Urinal. Continual Pain of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, puffing up of the Stomach, loathing, Vomiting, Belching, Hiccough, Cough, Tumors and Putrefaction of the Gums with much Spitting; Looseness and blackness of the Teeth, (for the Cure of which I have a Dentefrice which makes the Teeth as White as Ivory,) the Breath stinks, and is sometimes fetch'd with great difficulty, and is seldom free from terrible Pains of the *Cholick*, and trembling and looseness of the Joints and Limbs, with Laziness and often Faint Sweats; there is also sometimes Malignant Ulcers, dry hard Tubercles, Erisipelas, and Oedematous Tumors, with many others, which to enumerate, were to comprehend an universal Genus of *Atoms* within a very narrow Limitation.

This Disease is very hard to cure, where the *Scorbutick Humour* is obdurate and predominant, and when the Cure has been too long delayed, or not treated as a complicated Disease, many times 'tis very Dangerous, the Pains of the *Cholick* may run into an incurable

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Iliack Passion, and its fullen Companion, may bring a *Dropsie*, a *Consumption*, or other Mortal Chronical Distempers, and sometimes *Acute Diseases*, as the *Appoplexy*, *Swooning*, or the like; which produce sudden Death.

Causes of
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Cholick.

The *Immediate causes* of this Disease, is, a volatile *Acid*, that irritates the *Nerves* and *Membranes*, sharpens the *Lympha*, debauches the innate *Spirits* of the Parts, and perverts the *equal* temperature of the Blood. The *Remote Causes*, are, *Sea Air* impregnated with *Salin*, *Acid Vapours*, *Salt* and *Viscous Food*, *Laziness*, *Weakness of Digestion*, *Infection*, a *Hereditary Conveyance*, and the *influence* of *Chronical Diseases*. If the Disease is *recent* it admits of *Cure*. If *inveterate*, it requires a continued use of proper Medicines for a long space of time.

Cure of a
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The Cure of a *Scorbutick Cholick*, consists, in correcting and evacuating the *Crudities* of the first Passages, fortifying the *Stomach*, retrieving the due *Crisis* of the Blood, restoring all wonted *Evacuations* to their former Course, and to appease excruciating Pains. In order then to compass these Ends, and Cure this stubborn and rebellious Disease, the Sick must observe a good *Diet*, without which Physical means will profit but little: And here, because in the first place there will be a necessity (if possible) to give *Ease* in the Fit by *Opiates*, let them always be accompanied by *Antiscorbutick Specificks*, of which may be prepared diversity of good Medicines, both *Chymical* and *Galenical*. The *Volatile Salts* both of Animals and Vegetables are excellent to open all Obstructions, and Temper the Humours; also, *Elixir Proprietary*, the Spirit of *Sal Armoniack*, the Spirit of

of Nitre, and of Salt Dulcified, Salt of Steel, Wormwood and Tartar, Oil of Juniper, Cloves and Cinamon, are all Antiscorbutick Specificks.

Next in order are gentle *Laxitives*, especially in Hot Constitutions; such are Pills of *Armoniacum*, or those of Tartar mix'd with sweet Mercury, to prevent or take away Costiveness. *Resinous* Purgatives are to be avoided, as being endow'd with an *Astringent* Quality. *Raisins*, *Prunes*, *Tamarinds*, and Ripe sweet Apples, or their express'd Juice are of considerable Efficacy in this Case; but Sugar and other sweet things ought to be carefully avoided. *Rhubarb* or Cream of Tartar, sharpened with Pouder of Jalap, are proper for such as are of a *Moist* Juicy Constitution.

The Patient's Body being thus prepared, you ought to proceed to *Alteratives*, such are Steel and all fix'd Salts, or whatever subdues an *Acid*. To which join *Aperient*, *Diureticks* and bitter Stomachical *Aromaticks*, or the Spirituous Volatile Salts, *Mynsichts Arcanum Duplicatum*, is of excellent use, especially when the Sick is troubled with *Flushings* and sudden Inflammations. *Elixir Proprietatis* prepared with an *Acid* and mix'd with the Spirit of *Scurvigrass*, and that of *Sal Armoniac* is also proper. The Tincture of Tartar mix'd with the Spirit of *Sal-Armoniack*, and given by degrees to Forty Drops, is a celebrated Medicine. And as you find occasion, Fomentations, Ligatures, Ventoses, Sternutatories, &c. are of use.

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a stubborn Disease, and too often of long continuance: Occasion'd by this Disease, being, as it were, an odd and new kind of Distemper, not reducible to the old *Class* of Cholicks. Secondly being not consider'd in its various *Mixtures*, *Complications* and *Disguises*, which requires other sorts of Medicines to cure it, than are commonly prescribed. Thirdly by Practitioners being confounded by variety of Medicines directed by Authors, who seeing one Medicine fail, run to another, and so from Medicine to Medicine in an endless Circuit, till they have either destroy'd or nauseated their Patients, as well as cram'd their *Chamber-Windows* and *Tables*, with Galipots, Glasses, Boxes and Papers, whose Contents, instead of expelling noxious Humours, had no other effect than draining the Patient's *Purse* to enrich an unexperienc'd, unskillfull Physician.

Now these Evils, almost grown a common Nuisance to the Publick, as well as a Reproach to Physicians, are remedied, by those few Men, of which number, I profess myself to be One, that make *Art* follow *Nature*, rather than strain *Nature* and her *Anomalies* to general Rules of *Art*, and who seeing *Nature* degenerated into Extravagancies and complicated Diseases, unknown to the *Ancients*, endeavour to find out *Experienc'd* ways to deal with her, however various and disguised, and by reducing a whole *Apothecary's Shop* into a few well studied and often *Experienc'd* Medicines; such Men tho' falsely called *Empericks*, will be *Masters* in the Art of *Physick* since they can truly say with *Ovid* Remed. Am. l. 2.

Et quoniam variant Morbi, variabimus Artes
Mille Mali Species, Mille salutis erunt.

*Because Diseases mix and vary, therefore we
Do vary Arts of Cure; and tho' there be
A Thousand sorts of strange Distempers steal
On us, we have most certain ways to heal.*

This being the main and *honest* design of Practising, it will be no strange thing to believe, that I being bred an *Apothecary* and having seen the *ineffectual* Prescription and multiplicity of Medicines used by other Men, and dedicating my Life to the Service of Mankind, in the Knowledge and Practice of *Physick*, that I should by *Conversation*, much reading of the best Authors, *Foreign* and *Domestick*, and by almost a Twenty Years Practice, be able to shorten the number of Medicines and contract them into a few; but so efficacious in their *Nature* and *Effects*, as render them effectual in most Diseases, and such I assure you I have for the Cure of this *Centumacious* Disease, the *Scorbutick Cholic*; of which I could give you numerous Examples of Persons cured by them, as well as in these few, that follow, who have given me leave to make use of their Names, and Places of Abode: Of which I see I must be more sparing for the future, because the Book begins to swell into a larger Volume than I first intended.

Elizabeth the late Wife of *Robert Miles*,
Tobacconist, in *Lamb-Alley*, in *Abchurch-Lane*, was for some Years troubled with a
Complication of Diseases, viz. the *Scorbutick*
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Cholick, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Palsey, Gravel in the Kidneys, and very troublesome Vapours, living in so miserable a Condition, that she was left off by several Practitioners as *Incurable*, and thought to be even at the very *Brink of the Grave*; but being committed to my Care, thro' the blessing of God upon the use of my Medicines, I cured her of her complicated Distempers to that Degree that she comfortably attends her daily Affairs, and enjoys a *better* state of Health than she had done for *Six Years* last past. The truth whereof she is ready and willing to attest upon *Oath* before a Magistrate, as she has done to me in a Certificate under her Hand.

Mr. William Bagley, Cloth-Worker, in Miles's-Alley, in Petticoat-Lane, was afflicted with a *Rheumatism*, complicated with *Scorbutick Cholick Pains*, for Four Years successively at *Spring and Fall*; a lameness in his Hands and Feet, with large *Knobs* and Swellings, was cured by the use of my Medicines, and has continued in firm Health without any Symptoms of a *Relaps*, or the return of Pain for a long space of time, as he will satisfy any Person that enquires of him.

William West Senior, Waterman, dwelling near St. Saviour's-Mill-Stairs, in Southwark, was violently afflicted with a *Scorbutick Cholick*, joined with *Nephritick Pains*, vulgarly called the *Stone Cholick*, and receiving no help from others, address'd himself to me, and I at a small charge, and in little time eased him of his terrible griping Pains, and brought

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brought away Three large Stones. In gratitude for which Cure, he recommended several of his Neighbours to me, who were troubled with the like Disease, who all, as well as himself were cured, to their great satisfaction.

This Disease called in Greek *Ἑλκός* in *The Iliack* Latin *Iliaca Passio*, from the Gut *Ileon*, which *Passion*, is chiefly affected in this Distemper, is a *Cholick in excess*, an extream *Costiveness*, pain about the *Navel*, rising from the inverted *Peristaltick* motion of the *Guts*, disgorging the *Excrements* upward; for the *Fibres* of the *Guts* which ought to be *contracted* from the Superior towards the Inferior, are drawn to the Superior; so whatsoever is contained in the *Guts* is Vomited up, and *Clysters* how sharp so ever become Vomitive: *Purges* also taken by the Mouth are cast up by *Vomit*; and I am of Opinion, that the exquisite and intollerable *Pain* coming upon this Disease, is only occasion'd by the aforesaid *Preposterous* motions of the *Guts*; for as those *Folds* which the many *Circumvolutions* of the *Guts* make, are so formed by Nature, that they should most aptly conduce to the carrying down of the *Feces*; when they are forced to give way to a motion *contrary* to their *Fibres*, the aforesaid *Pain* is occasion'd from thence, which is fix'd to one *Part*, and is like the boaring of an *Augur*, when either the *valve*, which is seated at the beginning of the *Colon*, hinders the going back of the *Excrements* to the *Ilium*, or any other *Membrane* belonging to the *Sinus*, sustains alone the force of this *Peristaltick* motion.

Symptoms
of an Iliack
Passion.

The Signs of an approaching *Iliack Passion*, are, extream *Costiveness*, retraction of the *Anus*, a Loathing, Vomiting and intollerable Pains in the small Guts; and if a *Hiccough* follow it, threatens Death. If the *Anus* is much drawn back, so that a *Clyster-Pipe* cannot enter it, 'tis a sign that the gross Intestines are affected. If otherwise the small Guts are touched. If the greatest Pain possesses the *Epigastrium*, the *Ilium* is most oppress'd. A shooting burning Pain in one particular part of the Body, a *Lipyrria* Fever. If the Pain ceasing is attended by cold Sweats, difficult *Respiration*, *Swoonings*, and sometimes *Convulsions*, 'tis a Sign of a *Gangrene*, caused by the corrugation of the Guts, mistaken by some for a twisting of 'em round one another, a thing inconsistent with their *Ligation* to the *Mesentery*. In fine, the common Symptoms of an *Iliack Passion*, are hardness of the *Belly*, suppression of the *Urine*, Loathing, Vomiting, first the contents of the Stomach, and next the *Excrements*, a stinking habit of Body, frequent *Swoonings*, insufferable griping Pains in the Guts, a prodigious *Anxiety*, and sometimes Vomiting of *Clysters*.

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stic Signs.

In the Prognosticks of an *Iliack Passion*, *Inflammations* or *Gangreenes* are Mortal. If the upper Gut descend in the lower 'tis a fatal Symptom. If the lower ascend into the higher, 'tis curable. If the Disease proceed from a *Rupture* or hardened *Excrements*, 'tis not desperate. If Sleep succeeds the taking of *Opiates*, 'tis a hopeful Indication. *Deafness* or *Dotings* are pernicious consequences. If the Sweat, Breath, and Belching stink very much, Death is about to put an End to the Patient's Misery.

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The Cause of an *Ileos*, or *Iliaca Passio*, is an *Causes of*
 excrementitious *Viscous* Matter, adhering to *the Iliac*
 the Gut *Ileo*, which in time is coagulated *Passion.*
 into a very hard substance, almost in the
 Form of *Bullets*, whence all the *passage* for
 Excrements by *siege* is stop'd, and anon
 their *regress* and *ascent* to the Stomach fol-
 lows, with a miserable Vomiting of them
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The Rupture of the *Peritoneum* may cause
 this grievous Disease, especially if it be so
 great, that not only the small Guts but the
 great ones also, fall through the *lacerated*
 Orifice, and renders them incapable of be-
 ing *reduced* or put back through the same
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 mor follows, which hinders the *Reflux* of
 Blood; and causes an *Inflammation*, and con-
 sequently a *Gangrene* in the Guts, attended
 with a violent Vomiting of the Excrements
 and a speedy summons to the Grave.

But we may chiefly assign a twofold Cause
 of this *Inversion*, from whence the Pain arises,
 and they are *Obstruction* and *Irritation*; for
 whatever violently obstructs the *Intestines*,
 so that nothing can pass *downwards*, necessa-
 rily occasions this *contrary* Motion in them,
 as hardened Excrements, gross Wind col-
 lected in great quantity, &c. *Irritation* pro-
 ceeds from sharp and *Malignant* Humours
 cast upon the Stomach and Guts that are
 next to it, by the excessive raging of the
 Blood, by reason of a late *Fever* begun,
 whereby the *motion* of the Stomach is first
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 what is contained in it; at length the small
 Guts that are joined to the Stomach being
 weakned, yield to the *violent* Motion of it,
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and with them at last the *greater* follow by consent; the Stomach Vomiting beginning the fatal Tragedy: And this may be truly call'd the *Iliack* Passion.

The cure of this Disease, consists in removing the *Irritation*, and retrieving the *Natural* Motion of the Guts, to that end, if the Excrements are harden'd they ought to be soften'd by the speedy exhibition of *Clysters*, before they are hardened beyond Relief. All Purgatives are improper, till the Pain in the *Guts* and *Stomach* are quieted, and restored to their Natural Motion, which you may know, by a large quantity of Humours being voided *downwards* by the help of *Nature* or *Art*. *Opiates* are very hurtful in case of a *Gangrene* and in that of *Obstructions*, till the Belly is well opened; but if the Disease proceed from violent *Irritations*, attended by continual vomiting, *Opiates* may be mix'd with *Stomachical* Medicines while the Patient is strong: Always remembering, that whatever you use in the Cure of this Disease, whether *outwardly* or *inwardly*, must be *Warm*, both in the Fit, and when the Patient is on the mending hand.

If the *Small Guts* only are inverted, give Emollient Clysters, quickned with *Sal Gem*, or the Infusion of *Crocus Metallorum*, or those of the *Carminative Seeds* boiled in Child's Urine and Water: But if the *great* ones are also Inverted, that sort of Clysters are *noxious*, and you must seek help from *temperate*, Laxative, lubrical Potions; such as the Decoction of *Emollient* Herbs in Broath, mix'd with Oil of *Sweet Almonds* newly drawn.

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When all other Medicines want Success, some Men give *Leaden Bullets*, and boast of the use of *Quicksilver*, which I have seldom known to have done much good, but often prove injurious, especially in an *Inflammation*, *Rupture*, *Gangrene*, or *falling of the upper Gut into the lower*; therefore if any Practitioner thinks himself under a necessity of using *Quicksilver*, which is preferred before *Bullets*, let him be sure to prepare his Patients Body before he gives it, with *lubrical Medicines*, such as *Oil of Sweet Almonds* new drawn, or *Sperma Cati*: Then exhibit Three, Four, and sometimes Eight Ounces of purified *Quicksilver*, together with *Oil of Sweet Almonds* and *Mint Water*; and if it does not answer his Intentions at first, let it be frequently repeated, and the mean while inject *Emollient Clysters*, foment the Belly with *softning Decoctions*; or set the Sick into a proper *Bath*. If the *Mercury* does not force its way out of the Body, give *sharp Clysters*, and anoint the Belly with *Oil of Coloquintida* to soften the Excrements. If the *Quicksilver* offend the Mouth, Throat and Gums, check its *virulence* with a *Gargarism of Honey of Roses*, and *Syrup of Violets*; and if the *Mercury* is successful in opening the Body, remember to exhibit the *Lunar Bezoar* and *Diaphoretick Antimony*, to expel the remains of the *Mercury*; for tho' *Mercury* given by an *Intelligent Person* is an *Excellent Medicine*, yet it always does *Mischief*, if any of it stays too long in the Body.

These are the usual Methods for discovering the Cause and curing this Disease, which I publish in this succinct way; First, to assist those that want greater *Light*; Secondly

condly to shew, that I am thoroughly instructed in the *Knowledge* of Physick; and, Thirdly, to *silence* Malicious *Back-biters*, who for want of *business*, make it part of their employment, to represent me in their own Clats of *Ignoramus's* which this *Treatise*, and the rest that are to follow it, will plainly *confute*, in the Opinion of all Men of Sense, Generosity and Learning.

In my own Practice for the Cure of this Disease, when it evidently appears by the Symptoms above-named, and by Vomiting up *Clysters*, that its a true *Iliack Passion*, I apply my self to give the Patient some Ease, if it be possible; for let others say what they please, he that can do that has half *conquer'd* the Disease, for then Nature will assist in removing the Cause, by being *enabled* to sustain the Force of Medicines proper to soften the Excrements, and after to expel them by Siege: And to this end, I give my *Elixir* in small Doses, repeat them often, and enlarge the number of Drops every time they are given, and I never found them unsuccessful; their Vertue being to *invigorate* the Sick by giving him a relaxation from his Pain, Mollifying the offending Matter, and by that means preparing and smoothing the way for my *Pills* to drive it out by gentle degrees; for this Disease will endure no rough and violent Treatment.

Here I cannot, according to Custom, give Examples of Persons Cured by the use of my Two above-named Remedies; (one I cured some-time since, but am not permitted to make use of her Name,) for tho', blessed be God, I have never wanted Success, yet I could

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not prevail with the Patients I have Cured, to give me leave to Name them, and so the *Credit* of my Medicines in this Case, can have no other *Vouchers* but my own *Word* and *Reputation*, which I value my self more upon than Ten Thousand *Testimonials*.

Called in Greek Κοιλιακή, in Latin *Caliaca* ^{The Cæliack Cholic.} *Passio*, the *Cæliack Passion*, or *Cæliack Chalick*, is a *Looseness* of the Belly, when the Meat comes forth *crude* and imperfectly digested; which some say is not to be refered to the *Concoction* only being hurt, but to the debility of the *Retentive Faculty*, the Food being not long enough *retained* to be Concocted; by which it appears, say they, that the Disease proceeds from a *fault* in the Stomach as well as in the *Guts*: But the Learned *Etmullerus*, says, it is a *Flux* of the *Belly*, by which the *Chyle* is voided together with Excrements, the Stomach being in *no fault*, because *Chylification* is duly perform'd there; therefore the blame, lays he, must either be laid on the *Bile*, that is stop'd in its Passage to the Guts, or by degenerating from its *Saline Acrimony*, and consequently is unfit to separate the *Chyle*: Or else on the *Lacteal Vessels* through which the *Chyle* ought to pass, their *Orifices* being covered with *Slime*, or shut by the *Contraction*, or *Corrosion* of the Intestines occasion'd by *Fluxes*.

The *Symptoms* of this Disease, are, extra-^{Symptoms} ordinary, Pains both in the upper and lower ^{of a Cæliack.} *Region* of the Belly, not unattended with Pain in the Back and Limbs; for all complicated Diseases, generally affect all the Neighbouring Parts, as well as the Place where they are more particularly and chiefly seated;

ed ; and that you may have a true notion of this Maladay, observe, that if the *Bile* is defective, the Excrements are *White*, or very *Pale*; without any sign of separation. If the obstruction of the *Lacteal Veins* cause the Disease, the Excrements are *Yellowish*, and the *Chyle*, tho' voided at the same time with them, is but *loosely* mix'd with them, as being *separated* in the Guts, but *disappointed* in its Passage.

Causes of a
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Cholick.

The Causes of this Distemper, are generally rank'd under Three Heads, which will comprehend all the differing Opinions about it. The First is a *Cold* Distemper of the *Stomach* and *Liver*, which generate *Phlegmatick* and *Glutinous* Humours, which cover the *Wrinkles* of the Stomach that it cannot retain the *Food*: Tho' Retention be made by the *Astringing* Quality, yet it operates by fit Instruments, viz. the *rawness* of the *Inward Coat* of the Stomach; which rawness being taken away, and the *Wrinkles* filled by the Humours aforesaid, the *Retention* is dammified, and the Food *Slips* away without *Concoction*.

The Second Cause assigned by others, is, violent *sharp* Humours, that prick, twinge, and irritate the Parts, by which the Stomach and Guts are *provoked* to send out the *Meat* too soon.

The Third, and which I take to be the true Cause of the *Caliack Cholick*, is, the Obstruction of the *Mesenteraick* Veins which hinder the passage of the *Chyle* to the *Liver*, or the Obstruction of the *Glandules* of the *Mesentery*, and therefore must of necessity be ejected by the Belly. If this Disease is of long continuance 'tis very dangerous, be-
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cause Nature is deprived of her Nourishment, and the Weak Body is liable to the *Insults* of all Diseases.

Now, since the Disease called *Neurica*, a *Lientary*, is also a *Flux* of the Belly, in which the Food is quickly thrown out of the Body *undigested*, and differs only from a *Caliack Cholick* in degrees, and that their Cures are the same; I shall omit treating particularly on that Head, and refer the Reader to what follows.

The Curatory Indication of the *Caliack* Cure of the *Choliack*, is, to remove the *Morbifick Cause*, Caliack and strengthen the *Stomach*, which kind of Cholick. Method being seasonably begun, and duly prosecuted often does the whole Work; for the Cause of the Disease or the Root of it being cut off, the *Effects* depending on it, die of their own accord. Therefore if the *Bile* is sluggish, or stopp'd in its Passage, means must be used to make it more *Active*, to correct the *Acid* and *Austure Ferment* proceeding from the Stomach and Intestines, to retrieve the *Natural Texture* and distribution of the *Bile* and to promote the *Separation* of the *Heterogenous Particles*. If the *Lacteal* or *Milky Vessels* are shut up, endeavour to remove the *Slime* that choaks them, by attenuating, opening Ingredients, *Astringents* are improper. Let the *Peccant humours* be purged: After which the *Tincture of Tartar*, or of the *Dross of Regules of Antimony*, or *Chalybeate Tinctures*, mix'd with the *Spirit of Sal Armoniaci*, are very convenient to strengthen the Stomach by procuring an Appetite. *Amatus Lusitanus* highly commends the following Prescription. *Conserve of Roses* six Ounces, *Venice Treacle* six Drams, and Syrup

of Quinces a sufficient quantity to make an Opiate :
Halt an Ounce of which must be taken in
the Morning, fasting an Hour after it.

For the Use and Benefit of my own Patients, I have stated and well experienc'd Medicines for the Cure of this Disease, of which I could give numerous Examples, tho' I only produce Two.

*Experience guides my Practice ; others may do,
What their Inclinations prompt them to.*

Mrs. Anne Percival, of Russel-street Bloomsbury, was for several Years grieved with a *Caliack Cholick* at certain Times and Seasons only, but about Three Months since, she was seized with it in so violent and terrible a manner, that her *Life* was despair'd of: And having by the Advice of some able Physicians, taken divers Medicines, without receiving any Benefit by them ; at length hearing of my great success in curing the *Cholick*, of what kind soever ; she came to me, who thro' the Divine Blessing, and the use of my *Medicines*, was cured in a short Time. And that others who suffer the like cruel Pains, and languish under that Disease, might also find Relief, gave me Authority under her Hand writing, to publish her *Name* and *Cure*. And if any Person desires further Satisfaction in this matter, if they please to enquire at her Brother's House, Mr. Percival in Benbridge-street, in the Parish of St. Giles's in the Fields, this Fact will be attested by Word of Mouth,

Samuel

Samuel Maynard, dwelling in *Lydes Court* near *St. Giles's Church*, being forely afflicted with the Cholick, and Rheumatism, the *Sciatica*, and excessive Pains in his *Back* and *Limbs*, insomuch that he was uncapable of following his Employment, was happily cured by my Advice and taking my Remedies, in a very short time, and now is able to follow his Business as formerly. This Example I insert, as I could do many others, to shew what a concatenation of Diseases and different sorts of Pains and in many Places do often accompany this Disease, as will further appear in the next Instance.

A sufficient and reputable Tradesman's Wife, in the City of *London*, was unspeakably troubled with *Vapours*, originally proceeding from this Disease, which run her into *Distraction*; and after much Advice and taking many Medicines from other Physicians, to no purpose, her Husband sent for me, and by Heaven's Blessing, my particular Care, and the seasonable Use of my Medicines, she was restored to her Senses, perfectly recovered, freed from her *Vapours*, and so continues. So that you see violent Pains of the Head, *Giddiness* and *Frenzies*, are concomitants in a *Caliack Cholick*. I will direct any modest Enquirer, how, and where, they may be satisfied of the truth of this remarkable Instance from the Gentlewoman's own Mouth.

This Disease named in Greek *χολίκα* and *The Chol-*
in Latin *Cholerica Passio*, is a Griet, in which *lick Cho-*
the *Vicious Humours* are impetuously thrown *lick.*
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out both by *Vomit* and *Stool*, with a violent Pain in the *Stomach* and *Belly*, Distension of the *Hypochondria*, Heartburnings, Thirst, Perplexity of the Breast, a swift and sometimes *Small Pulse*, frequent *Swoonings*, a coldness in the outward Parts, *Prostration* of Strength, and at last *Convulsions* and *Hiccoughs*. This Disease, some say, is a Symptom of the *Expulsive Faculty* being hurt by uncocted Meats, and if the *Retentive Faculty* is also in fault, the Distemper is so much the worse and more violent.

Immediate Causes of a Cholerick Cholick. Some make two sorts of this Disease, a *Wet* and a *Dry*, and from hence came the vulgar Distinction of *Moist* and *Dry Gripes*. A *Moist* is what I am discoursing. The *Dry* is more rarely found, proceeds from a *Windy Spirit*, produced in the *Stomach*, by the fiery Heat of the part corrupting the Meat, or by Meats Rank and Windy, as *Hipocrates* himself affirms. *Senuertus* from the *Hermetical Doctrine*, adds another cause, namely, Salt and adust Humours in the *Hypochondria*, which grow Hot by the mixture of another Humour, and demonstrates it, by the mixing *Aqua Fortis* and *Oil of Vitriol* with *Salt of Tartar*, which produce very *flatuous Spirits*: So that according to these Authors, the *Immediate Causes* of this Disease, are, *Cholerick*, *Burnt*, *Sharp*, *Salt* or *Rotten Humours* of the *Stomach*, *Bowels*, *Spleen* and *Mesentery*; or some *Nourishment* of a pernicious Quality; or some strong Medicine or Poison, taken uncorrected.

Occasional Causes. The *Occasional Causes* of a *Cholerick Cholick*, are the same with those of a *Looseness*. The Corruption and Acrimony of Food in the *Stomach*, the assumption of *Sharp*, Costick

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Medicines, such as *Antimony*, *Arsenick*, *Mercury*, &c.

If the Excrements are Livid, Fætid, Black, or *Corrosive*; if it accompany Malignant Fevers, especially in the Beginning, and if the Stomach is much *disordered*, it generally proves *fatal*. 'Tis an Acute Disease, and quickly finishes its Course. It observes a *Tertian* Period in its *Exasperations*, and frequently *relapses* after an apparent Cure.

The Signs preceding this Disease, are, *Symptoms*. frequent and plentiful *Evacuations* of Choleric, sharp and corrupted Humours, upward and downward, swelling with *Wind*, Thirst, and gnawing *Pains* in the Stomach and Guts: A Loathing, which a little appeas'd with *cold Drink*, which is soon after cast up. The *Pulse* high and unequal, *Sweating*, with Convulsion of the extreme *Parts* and Swooning, are dangerous Symptoms. 'Tis easily discover'd whether the Disease came by some violent Medicine, Poison, or offensive Dyet.

The *Internal* Causes are known by the *Quality* of the Humours that are ejected. If there be continual Loathing and Gnawing, the Disease is in the *Stomach*. If a Malignant *Fever* is join'd, it is in the *Veins*. If it has its Original from some ill Diet, there is *Hopes*, that when the peccant Matter is cast out, the Disease will end. If its very violent, 'tis dangerous, for the greater the Convulsions, Swoonings, and Coldness of the extrem *Parts* are, the *nearer* Death is at Hand.

In the *Beginning* of the Cure, you ought to assist *Evacuations* with gentle, cooling, and cleansing Clysters, especially *Milk* Clysters, with

with *Venice Treacle*, or *Diascordium* dissolved in them are always useful. It's proper to breathe a Vein, to cool the burnt and boiled Blood, but let it be done with Discretion, Twice or Thrice, if the Strength be not impaired by the First. Endeavour to qualify the sharpness of the Humours after this manner. *Waters of Plantane, Purslane and Mint of each two Ounces: Syrup of Quinces, and dried Roses, of each one Ounce; Syrup of Vinegar, half an Ounce, mix them, and dissolve therein two Scruples of Theriack Andromachi, and six Drops of Oil of Vitriol: Give now and then a Spoonful.* But if the Patient has some Ease, and if the Symptoms abate or disappear, take great care that they don't suddenly return, to your Amazement and the Destruction of the Patient, as it sometimes happens *unforeseen* in this Case. Therefore Nourish him and Strengthen his Stomach, says most of our Eminent Physicians, with a Restoring Opiate, compounded in or after this Method. *Gelly of Harts-Horn made with Canary Wine, four Ounces, Conserve of Roses, Burrage, Bugloss and Clove Gilly-Flowers, of each one Ounce: Confectio Alkermes, half an Ounce, Citron Bark and Nutmegs, Candied, of each three Drams; Essence of Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs and Cinamon, of each three Drops, and with the Syrup of Clove Gilly-Flowers make an Opiate; of which must be taken the quantity of a Hazle Nut or more, Mornings and Evenings.* Of all the Medicines used against Looseness, says a great Author, *Opium* is the chief, being a powerful controler of all tumultuous Motions. and accordingly prescribes *Laudanum Opiatum, or Liquid Laudanum* in large quanties, for the Cure of this and most other Diseases. But

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An Eminent Trader in the City of London, who had for a long time been grievously troubled with *intollerable* Pains proceeding from a *Cholerick Cholick*, such as violent Pains in the *Stomach* and *Bowels*, distension of the *Hypochondria*, Heart burning, Thirst and *perplexity* of the Breast; in somuch that he scarce enjoyed one Minutes Health, and having advised with the Learned, and taken a Multiplicity of Medicines both *inwardly* and by *outward* applications to his *Breast*, to his very great trouble, but without Relief, he was at last recommended to me, and I perfectly cured him in a few Days, no *Symptoms* of the said Disease having *appear'd*, since the time of his Recovery; and tho' he is unwilling to have his Name exposed in *Print*, yet to do me and
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with *Venice Treacle*, or *Diascordium* dissolved in them are always useful. It's proper to breathe a Vein, to cool the burnt and boiled Blood, but let it be done with Discretion, Twice or Thrice, if the Strength be not impaired by the First. Endeavour to qualify the sharpness of the Humours after this manner. *Waters of Plantane, Purslane and Mint of each two Ounces: Syrup of Quinces, and dried Roses, of each one Ounce; Syrup of Vinegar, half an Ounce, mix them, and dissolve therein two Scruples of Theriack Andromachi, and six Drops of Oil of Vitriol: Give now and then a Spoonful.* But if the Patient has some Ease, and if the Symptoms abate or disappear, take great care that they don't suddenly return, to your Amazement and the Destruction of the Patient, as it sometimes happens unforeseen in this Case. Therefore Nourish him and Strengthen his Stomach, says most of our Eminent Physicians, with a Restoring Opiate, compounded in or after this Method. *Gelly of Harts-Horn made with Canary Wine, four Ounces, Conserve of Roses, Burrage, Bugloss and Clove Gilly-Flowers, of each one Ounce: Confectio Alkermes, half an Ounce, Citron Bark and Nutmegs, Candied, of each three Drams; Essence of Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs and Cinamon, of each three Drops, and with the Syrup of Clove Gilly-Flowers make an Opiate; of which must be taken the quantity of a Hazle Nut or more, Mornings and Evenings.* Of all the Medicines used against Looseness, says a great Author, *Opium* is the chief, being a powerful controler of all tumultuous Motions. and accordingly prescribes *Laudanum Opiatum, or Liquid Laudanum* in large quantities, for the Cure of this and most other Diseases. But

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my Remedies *justice*, and that others might reap *Benefit* by the same means, he has order'd me to send any Person to receive Satisfaction from his own Relation, which I am always ready to do.

Mr. John Shadwel, near the Sign of the Three *Mariners*, in the Parish of St. Thomas Wapping, Mate of a Merchant Man, having been a long Voyage, and feeding much upon Meat that had been long salted, at his coming on shore, was violently taken with frequent vomiting and Purgings, attended with great Weakness of Body, a *chilness* in the outward Parts and *unexpressible* Pain. He consulted two Physicians, took the Medicines they jointly prescribed, but those Gentlemen being *frighted* at the appearance of a *slight convulsive Motion* in the Patient's Face and Eyes, gave him over as *Incurable*: Whereupon I was sent for, and by the Blessing of God upon one single Medicine, he had Ease in less than Ten Minutes time, and continuing the same Medicine but four Days together, was perfectly Recovered, and so remains to this Day.

The Dy-
sentry or
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Flux.

A Dysentery, which the Greeks name *Δυσεντερία*, properly so called, proceeds from the Ulceration of the Intestines, but is commonly taken for every Bloody Flux: The Latins call it *Tormina* from the excessive Pain the Patient endures. This Disease which is voiding Blood and purulent Matter with tormenting Pain, is distinguish'd from the Painless Evacuation of Thin, Watery Blood from the internal Hemerroid Veins, called by the Ancients a Flux of the Liver, and

and likewise from the Natural discharge of Blood independent of the Guts, caus'd by its redundancy in the Body, as after *Ampu- tation*, suppression of the *Menses*, &c. or by its *Acrimony* opening the Vessels; or the Obstruction of the *Bowels* hindering its regular Circulation. Agreeable hereunto, *Galen* mentions four kind of *Fluxes*, all which he calls *Dysenteries*. The first is when any usual Evacuation of Blood, as the *Hemorrhoids*, or at the *Nostrils* is impeded. Secondly; When *Watery* Blood is voided, occasion'd by the Weakness of the *Liver*. The Third is, *Blood* mix'd with *melancholly* and burnt by reason of its being detain'd in the *Liver* and *Spleen* is evacuated and shines. The Fourth and last, and that I am now treating of, is, when *Blood* and *Excrements* are mix'd together, and sometimes also *purulent* Matter accompanies it, to the Patient's intollerable Pain.

The *Diagnostick* Signs of the *Bloody-Flux*, *Symptoms* are, that the Sick Person is seized with un- of a Dys- sufferable griping Pains in the Guts followed sentery. by frequent *Stools*, first of *Whitish* Matter, and afterwards of *Blood* and *Slime* mix'd together. Watching, Thirsting, loathing Food, and sometimes attended by a Malignant Fever and all its *dismal* *Symptoms*. If the Small Guts are affected, the Pain is *vehement*, like the pricking of *Pins*, because they are of exquisite Sense: The Patient goes not to Stool presently after the Pain, and when he does, is grievously tortur'd, and the Guts and *Bowels* seem to fall down. If the Great Guts are affected, the Pain is *not so* sharp, and being seated toward the sides of the Belly, is quickly followed by *Stools*; the

Blood swims on the top, or is a little mix'd with the *Excrements*, and you may judge of the *Humour* causing this Disease, by the *Colour* of the *Excrements*, *Age* and *Temperament* of the *Patient* and the *Season* of the *Year*.

There are Three Degrees observable in a *Dysentery*. The Symptoms of the first are *Bloody* and *Slimy* Stools. In the Second, the *Slimy* is a Sign of *Excoriation* and in the third of an *Exulceration*. When the Guts are *Excoriated*, 'tis either the *Crust* that covers them, or part of their thick *Tunicle*, or at most, the *Coruncles*, or inflamed *Glandules* of the Guts that is voided.

Prognostick Symptoms.

A *Dysentery* caus'd by *black Choler* is a dangerous Sign, if it be not Critical, because the *Ulcer* grows *Cancerous*; be sure therefore you make a right judgment between *melancholly* and *congeald* Blood. If loathing of *Meat* and a *Fever* accompany it, 'tis dangerous. If *Pieces of Flesh* be voided in it, 'tis Deadly. Much *Watching*, great *Thirst*, *Black Bloody* and *Stinking* Stools, without a mixture of *Humours*, *Hiccough*, *Cholerick Vomitings*, *Pains in the Liver* and *Midriff*, are generally deadly Signs. If *Choler* and sharp Diet is the Cause of this Disease, its easily cured; *Salt Phlegm* is worse, because it sticks longer in the Guts. If the *Bloody Flux* happens to one troubled with a *diseased Spleen*, or the *Gout*, its good, in the Opinion of *Hippocrates*, because the Matter is sent forth. But I rather take this for a *Diarrhea* than a *Dysentery*.

Causes of the Bloody Flux.

The *Internal Causes* of this Disease are *sharp and Ulcerating Humours*, *Yellow, Green, and Black Choler*, *Salt Phlegm* in the Head

Head created by *Heat*, or in the Belly by *Putrefaction*, which being brought to the Guts, and sticking close to them Ulcerates the Part. The sharp *Acid* that irritates the Guts, provokes them to *Contraction*, assembles the Blood by virtue of its provocation, and corrodes the *Orifices* of the Blood Vessels. This may proceed from the corrupted *Matter* in the Guts. But the cause of a *Malignant, Epidemical, contagious Looseness*, such as the Learned *Sydenham* discourses of, as happening in the Years, 1669, 70, 71, 72, is a corrupt *volatile Acid*, not lodg'd in the Guts, but immediately reigning in the *Blood*, perverting its *Texture*, opening the Vessels inserted into the Guts and provoking them to *Convulsive Contractions*; from whence is derived a *Malignant Fever, Gripping and Bloody Stools*. So tho' the previous excoorations may take place in *benign Dysenteries*, there is no occasion for them in the *contagious Malignant* sort; it being a sufficient Cause of *bloody Stools*, that the *Coslick Ferment* is a *Mortal Enemy* to the Intestines, like *Arsenic*, that perpetually thwarts and provokes them to *Convulsions*; upon which, says that excellent *Author*, they squeeze out their *Blood* together with their *Nutritious Juice*, that they are not then in a capacity to receive; and which is taken by some for the *Mucus* or *Snot* of the Guts, whereas the large quantities that are voided, sufficiently evince the contrary.

The *External Causes*, are all such things as procreate sharp and ill Humours, as Meats which soon putrify in the Stomach, Fruits which are soon rotten, and all things unripe: The Air thus qualified; the Winter
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co'd and dry, and the Spring very *Wet* and full of *South Winds*, cause *Dysenteries* in Summer. Or if the Winter be *Wet* and full of *South Winds*, and a dry Spring, and the *North Winds* blow much; such a Season generally speaking produces *Bloody Fluxes*. Sometimes the Air is infected and produces a Contagious and *Epidemical Dysentery*, which is so infectious, that the *Excrements* of the Sick being cast into a *Bog-house*, infect, all that sit over it. To which may be added, the taking of *Mercury*, *Coloquintida*, *Antimony*, *Lead*, the coarse Powder of an *Adamant*, *Worms*, &c. which vellicate the Guts and heap up sharp Humours in them.

To Cure of
the Bloody
Flux.

From what has been already said, you may rationally infer, that Indications for Cure of a *Dysentery*, are, to evacuate sharp Humours, assuage Pain, Cleanse, Consolidate and Dry the *Ulcers*, Purify the *Blood*, separate the preternatural *Ferment* and stop the *Flux*.

To discharge the Body of sharp Humours you must Purge every Second, Third or Fourth Day, according to the Patient's Age and Strength, and the Season of the Year. *Rhubarb* given in Powder a Dram, a Dram and half, and two Drams is very usual; but because Powders are apt to stick to the Guts and vex them, I better approve of it converted into a *Potion*, made of *Liquoras*, *Raisins of the Sun*, *Tamarinds* and yellow *Myrabolans* boiled in *Barley-Water*, to Three or Four Ounces; which Liquor being strained, infuse in it a Dram of *Rhubarb* sliced very thin; then add an Ounce of *Syrup of Roses Solutive*, and you have a very good Medicine to evacuate sharp Humours.

If the *Dysentery* is accompanied with a *Fever* and *Inflammation* of the *Bowels*, open a *Vein*, let the Patient *Bleed* in proportion to his *Strength*. Sometimes *vomiting* is profitable, to repel the *Humours*, which fall from the *Stomach* to the *Intestines*, and therefore not to be omitted, especially if the Patient is inclined to *Vomit*, for then *Nature* dictates the right way, and ought to be imitated, in *disburthening* a foul *Stomach*. Afterward you ought to give *assmaging*, mild and cleansing *Clysters*, and succeed them with *Astringent* *Clysters*.

If the *Ulcers* stand in need of *cleansing*, add *Centaury* and *Wormwood* to the former *Decoction*, and to the strained *Liquor* add *Turpentine* dissolv'd in the *Yolk* of an *Egg*, and the *Chymical Oil* of *Wax*, of each one *Dram*. When there is more need of *Binding* and *Glutinating* *Medicines*, give *Emplastick* *Clysters*, to cover the internal *Superfices* of the *Guts*, and preserve those *Parts* from the *Gnawing* of the *Matter*.

To cleanse, give *Goats Milk*; to glutinate *Cows Milk* Chalybeated, which is proper to consolidate and heal, to which you may add the *Juice* of *Plantan*, *Syrup* of *Comfrey*, *Sugar* of *Roses*, *Troches* of *Amber*, and *Rhasis's white Troches*. Let the Sick eat *Rice* boiled in *Chalybiated Milk*, or the *Mucilage* of *Gum*, *Tragacanth* and *Arabick*, drawn with *Rose* or *Plantan Water*, the quantity of half a *Dram* in his *Broath*. To purify the *Blood* and separate the preternatural *Ferment*, *Goddards Drops* are often successful. And to compleat the *Cure*, the *Body* being thoroughly cleansed. you may use *Astringent Decoctions* and *Narcoticks* to stop the *Flux*.

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And if this *Course* and these *Medicines* are ineffectual, as sometimes to the Patient's disappointment and extravagant Charge, they have been too often found; let the Sick try my *Medicines*, which have never yet failed to cure the *Bloody Flux*, in numerous Instances, of which I only give you *Two Examples*.

Mr. *Alexander Carter*, Taylor, dwelling in *Swan-Yard*, over against *Somerset-House* in the *Strand*, was sorrowfully afflicted with the *Bloody-Flux* above two Years together, without any *Intermission*, insomuch that he had almost ruin'd himself in going from one Doctor to another, and yet was still rather worse than any thing better, till he came to me and made use of my Remedies, which cured him in a few Days, and now continues in as good Health, as ever he enjoyed in his Life. To the truth whereof he is ready to make Oath, if desired.

Mr. *Thomas Chiffinch*, Carpenter, Aged Sixty odd Years, was Seven Years grieved with the *Bloody Flux* at certain Times; but the last Three Years had it constantly, and in so violent a manner as threatned him with inevitable Death, in the Opinion of all his Friends and Acquaintance; for he could find no *Relief* in all the means he used: But applying himself to me, and taking my *Medicines*, was cured in a short time, and at a small Charge; the truth of which immediate Cure, will be attested to any Person, that pleases to enquire either of Mr. *Clark*, or the Patient himself, at *Duglas's Coffee House* in *St. Martin's Lane, Westminster*.

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Having now, I presume, said enough about the Cure of the *Cholick* in all its different kinds, and the other Diseases that generally accompany it, sufficient for the Instruction of the Industrious and Ingenious, and too much for the Envious Idle and Ignorant, I should have concluded this *Treatise*, but because I resolve to publish several other Discourses on other Diseases, and that many People who have met with repeated Disappointments in following other Mens Remedies, before my Books now under Hand can be Publish'd; for their sakes as well as my own, I shall briefly shew, in a few Examples, in what other Diseases as well as the Cholick, my Medicines have been wonderfully successful, and also that the over curious or suspicious may receive entire Satisfaction, by enquiring of the Persons I have taken leave to Name, and the Places where they dwell, in the following brief Catalogue, which I shall begin with the *Head-Ach*.

William Fletcher, of *Enfield*, in the County of *Middlesex*, *White-Smith*, being grievously afflicted with the *Megrim*, *Giddiness* and *Swimming Pains* in the Head, so that oftentimes he was in danger of falling down as he Work'd or Walk'd, which continued upon him for the long space of Six Years, and using divers Medicines for his Cure, but without Success; he applied to me, and I in letting him Blood in the inside of one of his Nostrils, and giving him a Medicine, he found immediate Relief, without any Pain or Trouble for above a Year; but afterwards finding a

Head-Ach
and *Vertigo*.

Pain and Giddiness, on the other side of his Head, and I letting him Blood in the Nostril of that side, he was perfectly Cured of that Vexatious and Troublesome Disease.

Head Ach. Mr. Samuel Haines, Broad-Silk-Weaver, dwelling in *Fasbon-street*, in *Spittle-Fields*, London; was for the long space of Twelve or Thirteen Years, violently afflicted with the *Head-Ach*, and tho' he industriously sought Relief from other Hands, could find none, till he made use of my Remedies, and by them, the Almighty's Blessing interposing, was thoroughly cured.

Edward Harrison, Leather Dresser, living with *Sir Isaac Shard*, Knight, in *Horse-lye-Down*, near *Southwark*, was sorely afflicted with the *Head-Ach* at certain times, which return'd very often, and continued to his great Grief in this manner Six whole Years successively, of which he could find no Cure, tho' he used variety of Medicines from no mean Professors of Physick; but at last applying himself to me, was perfectly cured.

Margaret Thomas, Servant to the late Mrs. *Jux*, who was her Majesty's *Strower*, and did then dwell in *Little Scotland-Yard*, adjoining to *White-Hall*, was grievously troubled with the *Head-Ach* for the space of Two Years, and with other *Female* Distempers much longer, with which she will acquaint any of her own Sex, that think fit to enquire of her; but after the use of not a few Medicines prescribed by other Practitioners in

in Physick, without effect; she was recovered from all her Diseases by following my Advice, and the use of my Medicines, and continues in perfect Health to the present time.

William Watson, late Servant to *Mr. Welch*, *Vertigo*.
a Shoe-Maker, in *Chancery Lane, London*; was much troubled with a *Vertigo*, or *Giddiness of the Head*, between Five and Six Years, and sometimes so violently, that some thought it would terminate in a *Apoplexy* or *Epilepsy*, of which Disease he could find no Cure, till he applied himself to me, and by God's Blessing, and giving him *Experienc'd* proper Remedies, he was restored to Health.

Moses Grant, late Servant to *Mr. London*, *Perruke-Maker*, in *Channel Row, Westminster*, was Fourteen Years troubled with the *Head-Ach*, and Four Years last past, was afflicted with it in so grievous a manner and with such intolerable Pain, without one Days intermission; and making use of divers Medicines without Relief, he came to me, and I effectually cured him by giving him my Medicines in Six or Eight times, and he has continued well for a Year last past, as he assures me, excepting twice that he was slightly visited with it, by too hard Drinking, which soon went off again, without the use of any means.

A Child of *Mr. John Evans's*, *Frame-Work-Knitter*, in *Hand-Alley*, in *Bishops-Gate-street*, was so grievously afflicted with *sore-Eyes*, occasion'd by a Defluction of

Hot Rheum on those tender Parts, which continuing with great severity above a Quarter of a Year, 'twas the general Opinion she would be *Blind*; but her Father addressing himself to me, I perfectly cured his Childs *Sore Eyes*, and took away the Cause in Three or Four Days time, and left her as well as ever she was in her Life.

The Worms Mr. Robert Guinn, at the Sign of the Two Brewers, in *White Lyon Yard*, near *Norton-Falgate*, in the Parish of *Stepney*; for some Years past was so abundantly Pester'd with *Worms*, that sometimes they drop'd out of his Body as he went along the *Streets*, and at other times crept from him when he was in *Bed*. He was also afflicted with an *Excessive Ravenous Appetite*, and yet tho' he Eat as much as would have sufficed Six or Eight Persons, he received no *Nourishment* by his Food, but fell away, and was so wasted in his *Flesh*, that he was little else than *Skin and Bones*. He had long sought Relief from many, and variety of means, but all in vain, till he came to me, and through *Mercy* I cured him of all these complicated and uncommon Distempers, in about a Fort-nights time; and has continued in a good state of Health ever since.

The Son of Mr. John Carter, in *George-Alley*, in *Coleman-street*, *London*, who was about Two Years of Age, and terribly afflicted with *Worms*, and gnawing griping Pains, by taking my *Remedies*, voided above a Pint of *Worms*, was freed from his Pains, and has continued well ever since.

I could give you many other instances of Persons of both Sexes, Young and Old, but I reserve them for a particular *Treatise* of the *Worms*, that will immediately follow the publication of this Book.

A Gentleman of considerable Quality, *Rheuma-*
Lame with a *Rheumatism* and the *Gout* to such *tism and*
 a degree, that he dreaded the utter loss of *Gout*.
 the use of his *Limbs*; but applying himself
 to me, I cured him of his *Rheumatism*, eas'd
 his *Arthritick* Pains, and so restor'd the use of
 his *Limbs*, that he is capable of attending
 his own Affairs: And tho' he will not allow
 his Name to be *Printed*, yet I have his leave
 to send any Person to him, who will confirm
 the Truth of what is here but *privately* di-
 vulg'd. To Name more Persons whom I
 have cured of the *Rheumatism*, is wholly
 needless, since the Weekly Papers have from
 time to time, publish'd so many. And tho'
 I don't pretend to make a perfect Cure of
 the *Gout*, yet I hope I may be allowed to
 speak truth, and say, That my Medicines
 never fail to give speedy *Ease* in the most
 violent *Pains* attending that Disease.

Mr. William Cordwell, Frame-Work-Knitter, *The Stone*
 at the Sign of the *Black-Boy*, in *Wheeler's-street*, & *Gravel*.
Spittle-Fields, being violently afflicted with
Suppression of Urine, occasion'd by the *Stone*,
Gravel, and a concomitant *Cholick*, which
 had continued at certain Times for Three
 Years last past, and since *Christmas* last in a
 more severe manner than ever; applied him-
 self to me, and by the use of my Remedies
 aforementioned, voided several *Stones* and ob-
 tain'd a perfect Cure: And having paid me
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for my Medicines to my own content, desired also, that his Cure might be publish'd, that others labouring under the same Distemper, might receive Benefit by the same Hand and Means.

Fevers.

Francis Wilks, dwelling near the Sign of the *Black-Horse*, in *Blackman-street*, hard by *St. George's Church*, in *Southwark*, was seized Five Months with a *Tertian Ague*, and having taken great quantities of *Jesuit's Powder*, or *Peruvian Bark*, and an incredible number of other Medicines, to no purpose; insomuch that he seem'd to be on the *Brink* of the *Grave*, and his Circumstances being but indifferent, I offer'd him his Cure *Gratis*, which I perform'd with great *Expedition*, and so effectually, that after the first Dose of Physick I gave him, his *Fit* return'd no more, and the Patient enjoys his Health to this Day.

The great number of *Patients* I have cured of *Fevers*, under all Denominations, whether attended or unaccompanied with a *Cold shaking Fit*, which are vulgarly call'd *Agues*, will excuse me from giving more Examples in this Disease, because my Medicines, are so well known to give relief in *Fevers*, that to commend them by Testimonies is unnecessary waste of time, since they recommend themselves by their *Innate Vertue*; not because they are *Hot*, not because they are *Cold*, not because they *Cut* and *attenuate*; but because they have the peculiar vertue, to extinguish the *hot fermenting Alkali*, which is the *Occasional, Internal and Continent cause* of *Fevers*, and that they may effect what they are design'd for, I vary them as I find Occasion;

casion ; because, *vix ulla perpetua Ars Medicinalis recipit*, scarce any of the Precepts of the Art of Physick are perpetual.

Mr. Thomas Adin, Weaver, dwelling in *King's-Head-Yard*, in *Shore-Ditch*, was long ^{Coughs and Consumptions.} afflicted with a *Consumptive Cough*, attended with all the *dismal* Symptoms of approaching Death ; but by the blessing of God, the Medicines I directed him to take, perfectly recovered him.

Mary, Wife of Mr. Richard Darling Barber, ^{Spitting Blood.} formerly dwelt in *Burchen-Lane*, near *Lumbard Street*, London, was in Three Years time last past, twice cured by Medicines of a violent *Cholick* and *Spitting Blood*, and the last Spring was seized with a *Hettick Fever*, and all the dreadful Symptoms of an approaching *Tubes* or *Consumption*, and was given over for a *Dying Woman* by all her Friends and Relations ; but by Heaven Blessing the Medicines she took of me, she was restored to her former Health, as will be attested by more than *Tirenty* Eye-Witnesses of her *unexpected* Cure, as well as by the *Patient* herself.

In the next place I could give many ^{The French Disease.} Ex-amples of Persons I have cured of both *Sexes*, of *Gonorheas* and the *French Pox* ; but because to give *Examples* in such Cases, would be a *horrid* breach of good *Manners* ; I shall only recommend my Medicines as *Safe* and *Certain* in the Cure, and my self for perfect Silence.

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The Stone,

The last Disease of which I shall give any *Examples* in this Book is the *Stone*, and shall begin in the well known Case of Mr. *Richard Hurford*, at the Sign of the *New England Arms*, near *Ratliff-Cross*, who was Twelve Years afflicted with the *Stone*, but lately in a most violent manner, and having taken abundance of *Medicines* in hopes of *Ease*, but all in vain, I gave him my own *Medicines* experimentally adapted to the Cure of that Disease in his Case, which brought away an incredible number of *Stones*, and some of them as large as were capable of passing through the *Ureters*. and can scarce be credited by any, but those that have seen and handled them.

Mary, the Wife of Mr. *Richard Pomfret*, dwelling in *Little Carter Lane*, near the *Swan Ale House*, was afflicted with the *Stone* and *Gravel* to that degree, that upon any agitation of the Body she made *Bloody Urine*, and after she had had the Advice of several *Doctors* of Physick, but without success; the first *Remedy* I gave her, put a stop to her *Bloody Urine*, and brought away a prodigious Quantity of *Gravel*, by which means she was Cured at a small Charge, and in a very short time.

Having thus plainly proved to the meanest Capacity, the efficacy of my *Remedies*, the Sincerity of my Practice, and the Truth of the Examples of Persons cured, insomuch that they that are not blinded by partiality or by-*ass'd* by Interest, must be Masters of a great deal of *Sophistry*, that will pretend to deny, contradict or oppose them. I should now put an end to this brief Discourse. But

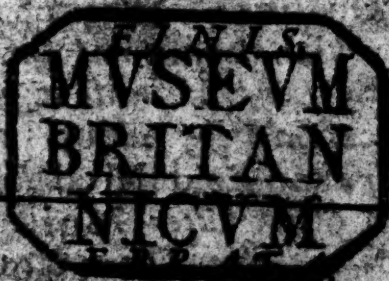
But having a little Paper to spare I shall employ it, in accommodating the Reader with the *Virtues* and *Use* of a bitter Medicament, which I invented, and call *Tinctura Stomachicalis major*, or the greater *Stomachical Tincture*.

Which is a Composition of all the Noblest *Bitter Aromatick* and *Stomachical Specificks* in the whole *Materia Medica*, and perfectly answers all Intentions accordingly. It enlivens and sharpens a languid *Appetite*, expels *Viscous Humours*; assists *Fermentation* and helps *Digestion*; Fortifies the *Stomach* and prevents *Nauseating* and *Loathing*. It is *Carminative*, a great expeller of *Wind* out of the *Stomach* and *Bowels*; and as all bitter things are Medicinal against *Worms*, so this *Tincture* has an excellent faculty that way. If any Person has the misfortune to drink *bad Wine*, or to drink to *excess*; if he mingles some Drops of this *Tincture* in his *Wine*, it will rectify all *Disorders* occasion'd by hard Drinking, and prevent next Mornings *Head-Achs*, loathsome *Vomitings*, and menacing *Surfeits*, the usual Attendants on Nocturnal Debauches. It's a good Remedy for Persons newly deliver'd from a *Fever*, or any *Chronical Distemper*, because it strengthens the *Crafsis*, or convenient mixture of Qualities. It's proper for *Mariners* to carry with them to Sea, and for those that Travel by *Land*, because it prevents ill accidents occasion'd by *Ill* or *scanty Diet*, change of *Air*, and *Epidemical Infections*. It far excels all other *bitter Medicaments*; it never offends the *Eyes*, or causes breakings out on the *Skin*, as generally all other *Bitters* do. It will keep good many Years, and may be taken in *Wine*, *Ale*, *Tea*, or *Spring-Water*,

from Thirty Drops, to a Hundred, in the Morning, and at Four or Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, when People find occasion for it, either to cure Diseases, prevent them, or confirm one in a State of good Health, in which I have found my *Tincture* successful in many Years Practice; being as pleasant a Bitter as Art can contrive. One Ounce of Mine will make Three Ounces of any other Bitter, that is commonly exposed to Sale. And that the Poor may receive Benefit by it, I will Sell it to such as really are so, for Two Shillings the Ounce, and Twelve Pence the Half Ounce.

The use of
the Cepha-
lick Snuff.

For the Cure of the *Head-Ach*, Deafness, Vertigo or Giddiness, and the Cure of an Old and Inveterate Cough, I have also a *Cephalick Snuff*, which snuffed up both Nostrils, Night and Morning, till the Nose runs plentifully, will produce the desired Effect; but when this and other Remedies fail, as the best sometimes do; I have another way of curing the *Head-Ach*, and *Vertigo*, by *Phlebotomy*, in the Part, and by a safe Method scarce known, or practis'd by any other Person.



Besides misspellings, mispointings and Literal Faults, the Reader is desired in Page 92. Line 4. to read, Diseases act against us, per ignorata seminaria, &c.